

Gadhafi is Gone

Gadhafi gone, yet Libya faces challenges ahead



Libyan leader Col. Moammar Gadhafi reads a copy of his Green Book at the start of a discussion on democracy in Sabha, Libya, March 2, 2007. The head of the Libyan military council said Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011, that Gadhafi was killed as fighters battling the vestiges of his fallen regime took control of his hometown of Sirte after a prolonged struggle. (Shawn Baldwin/The New York Times)

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Libya's victorious revolutionaries now face a new threat: Themselves.

The secular and religious, the politicians and the militants basked Thursday in the demise of a dictator, as fighters killed Moammar Gadhafi and eradicated once and for all his four decades of cruel repression in Libya. But while the congratulations poured in from across the world, the Obama administration and others tempered the celebrations with a dose of caution, conscious that Libya's formerly ragtag band of rebels must now avoid falling prey to extremists among them, or the type of political infighting that has hijacked the hopes of previous revolutions.

Gadhafi's death clears a cloud over Libya's shaky interim government while focusing new scrutiny on the

group of former rebels and exiles now in charge and the possible candidates to lead a permanent government. Despite a public embrace of Libya's transitional leaders, the U.S. remains leery of some of the motives of those who have promised a quick move to elections and democracy. And while no official said it, the fear of an Islamist surge in power loomed large over Libya's unsure future.

"This is a momentous day in the history of Libya," President Barack Obama declared from the White House Rose Garden. "The dark shadow of tyranny has been lifted and with this enormous promise the Libyan people now have a great responsibility: to build an inclusive and tolerant and democratic Libya that stands as the ultimate rebuke to Gadhafi's dictatorship. We look forward to the announcement of the country's liberation,

the quick formation of an interim government and a stable transition to Libya's first free and fair elections." The 69-year-old Gadhafi was killed by revolutionary fighters overwhelming his hometown of Sirte, the last bastion of his regime's resistance. Along with the reported capture of Gadhafi's son and heir apparent Seif al-Islam, and the killing of Gadhafi's son and security chief, Mutassim, Thursday's developments appeared to signal a decisive end to eight months of civil war in the North African country. The National Transitional Council's largely secular leaders has promised to respect human rights and the rule of law and foster in an inclusive era of government, but it is held together by a shaky coalition of individuals with competing interests and ambitions. There remains a massive power vacuum, and uncertainty about what or who will fill it.

Armed groups across the country have emerged as laws unto themselves. Interim leader Mahmoud Jibril has indicated he will step aside once Libya's liberation is completed, which would create possibly another vacuum. And in a country awash in weapons, where Gadhafi's once vast arsenal of conventional arms and rocket-propelled missiles have been looted, the threat of widespread instability is high. Obama said the U.S. was "under no illusions." "Libya will travel a long and winding road to full democracy," he said. "There will be difficult days ahead. But the United States, together with the international community, is committed to the Libyan people. You have won your revolution, and now we will be a partner as you forge a future that provides dignity, freedom and opportunity." Libya's patchwork of competing tribal and regional

loyalties makes it a challenging place to govern under any circumstances, and 42 years of idiosyncratic rule under Gadhafi compounds the difficulty. He drained the country of institutions, eliminated any threat to his authority and defined nearly all aspects of life through his bizarre political vision that centered on a green book, powerless "people's committees" and his unpredictable antics. The U.S. has directed its diplomacy through a narrow group of ex-government officials, lawyers and economists with questionable influence on the streets. Washington has delivered only a fraction of the billions in Gadhafi assets it has seized, and it has hedged support for some transitional council allies who also are promising a quick move to elections and democracy but have spotty resumes.

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"Nobody is in charge," said Anthony Cordesman, a security analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. "You have a council that is barely able to work together, and you have mi-

the state-building must begin, and we have no clue how they are going to do it," added Eugene Rogan, director of the Middle East Center at the University of Oxford. Unlike Egypt and Tunisia, Libya does not have an old constitution or parliament to turn to because Gadhafi so thoroughly



Libya's leader Col. Moammar Gadhafi shakes hands with supporters upon arrival at a tent-like convention hall on the grounds of the Rixos Al Nasr Tripoli Hotel before presiding over the Libyan People General Congress in Tripoli, Libya on March 2, 2011. Gadhafi, the former Libyan strongman who fled into hiding after rebels toppled his regime two months ago in the Arab Spring's most violent uprising, was killed Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011, as fighters battling the vestiges of his loyalist forces wrested control of his hometown of Sirte, the interim government announced.

(Moises Saman/The New York Times)

litas with no chain of command. In the course of the next week or so, they are going to have to figure out how to govern."

"The revolution is over and

decimated the government, and Libyans "have no working civil service, no proper ministries and no officials with a mandate from the people." □

Pres. Obama acknowledges Wall Street protests as a sign

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NEW YORK (AP) — Concerns over Wall Street practices and economic inequality that have led to sit-ins and rallies in New York and elsewhere reverberated up to the White House on Thursday, with President Barack Obama saying the protesters are expressing the frustrations of the American public.

Thousands of protesters, including many in union T-shirts, marched the day before in lower Manhattan, joined by labor leaders who say they will continue to support the protests with manpower and donations of goods and services.

The protests have slowly grown in size and attention over more than two weeks, with the president's acknowledgment at a news conference a sign they might be jelling into a political movement.

Obama said he understood the public's concerns about how the nation's financial system works and said Americans see Wall Street as an example of the financial industry not always following the rules. "It expresses the frustrations that the American people feel that we had the biggest financial crisis since the Great Depression, huge collateral damage all throughout the country, all across Main Street," the president said. "And yet you're still seeing some of the same folks who acted

irresponsibly trying to fight efforts to crack down on abusive practices that got us into this problem in the first place."

He said, though, that the U.S. must have a strong and effective financial sector for the economy to grow, and that the financial regulation

continue to accommodate the protests "as long as they do it peacefully and in accordance with the laws and regulations."

The vast majority of the protests have been peaceful, "but there's clearly a core group of self-styled anarchists ... who want to have a



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bill he championed ensures tougher oversight of the financial industry. Among some protesters, reaction to Obama's acknowledgment was less than enthusiastic. "His message is that he's sticking to the party line, which is, 'We are taking care of the situation.' But he's not proposing any solutions," said Thorin Caristo, a 37-year-old antique store owner from Connecticut. New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said Thursday police will

confrontation with police," said Kelly, who added that the city has spent about \$2 million in overtime to police the protests.

The protesters have varied causes and no apparent demands, but have spoken largely about unemployment and economic inequality, reserving most of their criticism for Wall Street. "We are the 99 percent," they chanted Wednesday, contrasting themselves with the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans. □

Jobs bill nears a senate fight

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WASHINGTON — For the second time in 10 days, the Senate moved Thursday toward a showdown over Democratic efforts to take up a jobs bill championed by President Barack Obama.

This time, the bill has been narrowed to provide \$35 billion to state and local governments to prevent layoffs of teachers, police officers and firefighters. To offset the cost, the bill would impose a surtax, to take effect in 2013, of 0.5 percent on income in excess of \$1 million.

Democrats acknowledged that they were likely to fall short of the 60 votes needed to overcome a Republican filibuster. But they hoped to gain a political edge, by forcing Republicans to vote on this and other discrete parts of broader legislation proposed by Obama to create jobs and revive the economy.

Campaigning for his \$447 billion jobs package this week in North Carolina and Virginia, Obama suggested that Republicans could not understand the whole thing all at once, so he said "we're going to chop it up into some bite-sized pieces." The Senate last week blocked consideration of the larger bill, which included a 5.6 percent surtax on income over \$1 million. Republicans objected to the tax and said the bill would be no more successful than the economic stimulus law Obama signed in February 2009. Both parties seized on the smaller bill to draw contrasts in advance of the 2012 elections.

Democrats said the bill would save or create jobs for nearly 400,000 teachers and force millionaires to make a small sacrifice for the benefit of the nation. □

After criticism:

Cain clarifies his abortion views

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Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) —

Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain clarified his position on abortion Thursday, a day after saying he opposed the procedure but didn't believe the government or other people should have a role in the decision to terminate a pregnancy. Cain issued the statement after rival Republican candidate Rick Santorum accused the Georgia businessman of holding a view common to supporters of abortion rights and said Cain was not a true conservative. It was the third time in less than a week that Cain had made a statement only to take it back after facing criticism. In an interview Wednesday with CNN, Cain said he believes life begins at conception. "And abortion under no circumstances," he added. But Cain also said "it's not the government's role or anybody else's role to make that decision."

Asked whether his personal views would become a "directive to the nation," should he become president, Cain said they wouldn't.

"I can have an opinion on an issue without it being a directive on the nation," he said. "The government shouldn't be trying to tell people everything to do, especially when it comes



Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain delivers a keynote address during the Western Republican Leadership Conference in Las Vegas. (AP Photo/Isaac Brekken)

to social decisions that they need to make."

Campaigning in New Hampshire on Thursday, Santorum accused Cain of misleading voters about his conservative credentials.

"It's basically the position that just about every pro-choice politician has in America," Santorum told The Associated Press. "I don't know too many pro-choice politicians who are for abortion, who want more abortions ... but they say the decision is a choice the government shouldn't be involved in."

Santorum added: "That is Herman Cain's position, which does not make him

of the president. The president has no constitutional authority to order any such action by anyone. That was the point I was trying to convey," he said. "As to my political policy view on abortion, I am 100 percent pro-life. End of story." Cain said he would do "everything that a president can do, consistent with his constitutional role, to advance the culture of life." Cain has walked back two other statements recently. A day after saying that he wanted a potentially deadly electrified fence to keep out illegal immigrants, he told NBC on Sunday that he had been joking. On Tuesday, hours before a GOP candidate debate, Cain told CNN that as president he would negotiate for the release of American hostages held by al-Qaida in exchange for all prisoners at the Guantanamo Bay facility in Cuba. He later said he had misunderstood the question and that he would not negotiate with the terrorist group. □

Republican primary contest is getting nasty

WASHINGTON (AP) — The race to select a Republican presidential candidate looks certain to get nastier as the stakes get higher, with a new AP-GFK poll showing President Barack Obama becoming increasingly vulnerable.

The presumed front-runner is Mitt Romney, but the former Massachusetts governor has not been able to draw support from conservatives, including the tea party movement. His rivals, including Texas Gov. Rick

Perry, were hard on Romney during their latest televised debate on Tuesday.

They also ganged up on former pizza company executive Herman Cain, who has been Romney's closest rival in the latest polls.

Republican strategist Alex Castellanos said in a Twitter message after the most acrimonious debate of the year: "All the (Republican) candidates have lost their virginity now. Everybody attacks everybody from now on." □

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2 women guilty in U.S. of aiding Somali terrorists

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Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Two U.S. citizens of Somali descent who claimed they were helping the poor in Somalia were convicted Thursday of conspiring to funnel money to a terrorist group as part of what prosecutors called a "deadly pipeline" sending funds and fighters to al-Shabab. After the verdicts, one of the two women,

Amina Farah Ali, told the judge through an interpreter that she was happy because she was "going to heaven no matter what," and condemned those in authority, saying: "You

set, and prosecutors said it was too early to predict what sentence they'd recommend.

The women were among 20 people charged in Minnesota's long-running federal investigations into recruiting and financing for al-Shabab, which the U.S. considers a terrorist group with ties to al-Qaida. Investigators believe at least 21 men left Minnesota — home to the country's largest Somali community — to join al-Shabab.

Though others have pleaded guilty to related charges, the women were the first to go to trial.

The verdicts will likely lead



A large group of people gather outside the federal courthouse in support of two Minnesota Somali women who are on trial, Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011 in Minneapolis. Two Minnesota women were convicted Thursday of conspiring to funnel money to a terrorist group in Somalia as part of what prosecutors called a "deadly pipeline" sending money and fighters from the U.S. to al-Shabab. (AP Photo/The Star Tribune, Jim Gehrz)

will go to hell." She was ordered into custody pending her sentencing.

Ali, 35, and Hawo Mohamed Hassan, 64, were each charged with conspiracy to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization.

Ali also faced 12 counts of providing such support, for allegedly sending more than \$8,600 to al-Shabab from September 2008 through July 2009, while Hassan faced two counts of lying to the FBI.

Both were found guilty on all counts.

The terrorism-related counts each carry up to 15 years in prison, while lying to the FBI carries up to eight years. No sentencing date was

set for other guilty pleas, said Omar Jamal, first secretary of the Somali mission to the United Nations in New York. He also said it would be difficult for law enforcement agencies to rebuild the trust they had worked to establish with the Somali community.

Prosecutors had emphasized that the case was not about a community or a religion, but two women who deliberately broke the law. "The verdict reaffirms the principle that everyone who lives within our borders has to obey our laws," Paulsen said. He added that prosecutors would keep trying to improve relationships with the Somali community. □

Birthers call out Rubio

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WASHINGTON -Unable to prevent Barack Obama from becoming president, rigid followers of the Constitution have turned their attention to another young, charismatic politician many think could one day occupy the White House.

The birthers are calling for U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, the budding Republican star from Florida.

"It's nothing to do with him personally. But you can't change the rules because you like a certain person. Then you have no rules," said New Jersey lawyer Mario Apuzzo.

Forget about allegedly Photoshopped birth certificates; the activists are not challenging whether Rubio was born in Miami. Rather, they say Rubio is ineligible under Article 2 of the Constitution, which says "no person except a natural born citizen shall be eligible to the Office of President."

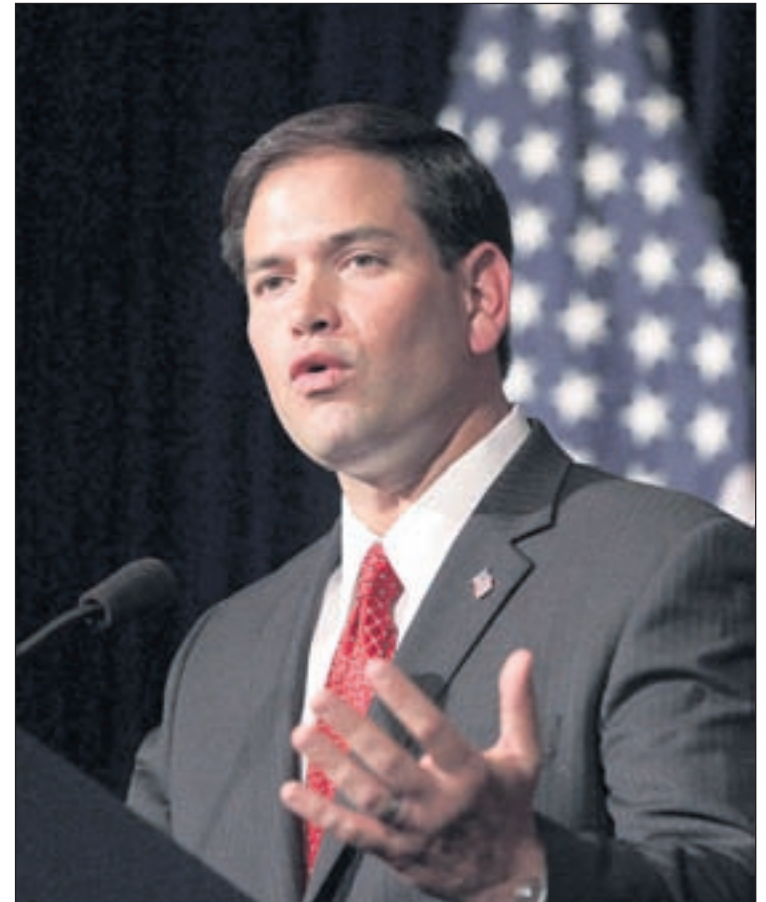
The rub is that "natural born citizen" was never defined.

The birthers rely on writings at the time of the formation of the republic and references in court cases since then to contend that "natural born" means a person born to U.S. citizens. Rubio was born in 1971 at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, his office said, but his parents did not become citizens until 1975. "Marco Rubio was born a Cuban citizen via his parents," screams a headline on a blog by birther Charles Kerchner, who obtained copies of the naturalization petitions by Rubio's parents in May, igniting talk that is spreading across the Internet. Kerchner said Rubio is no different from Obama, who even if he was born in Hawaii (which he doubts) was not born to two U.S. citizens. Obama's father was a Kenyan national. The birthers say Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, whose parents are from India and were not citizens at the time of his birth, is also unqualified.

Rubio, whose national ascent has been propelled

by a tea party that demands absolute fealty to the Constitution, shrugged off the issue. "The price of our freedom and our liberty is that people can go out and spend a lot of time on stuff like this," he said. "For us, the more important

Taitz said in an interview Wednesday that she believes Rubio is ineligible to be president, though she several times resisted answering a "hypothetical." Birthers rely on various passages to back up their argument. One is the treatise



Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., speaks at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif. Unable to prevent Barack Obama from becoming president, "birthers," rigid followers of the Constitution have turned their attention to another young, charismatic politician many think could one day occupy the White House. The "birthers" are calling for U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, the budding Republican star from Florida.

(AP Photo/Jae C. Hong, File)

thing is to focus on our job." While Rubio denies higher ambitions, Republicans are salivating for him to join the ticket in 2012, and many think he will run for president in the future. What seems a fringe issue today could blow up, like it did for Obama.

"We need the court to finally adjudicate this issue, who is a natural born citizen," said Orly Taitz, a California dentist and lawyer and the most prominent birther. Taitz has a lawsuit in the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals challenging the authenticity of the long-form birth certificate Obama released in late April in an attempt to quell a growing firestorm. The suit also seeks clarity on Article 2 language.

The Law of Nations by Swiss philosopher Emer de Vattel, which they say influenced the founding fathers. "The natives, or natural-born citizens, are those born in the country, of parents who are citizens," Vattel wrote.

They also cite the U.S. Supreme Court, which in the 1875 case *Minor vs. Happersett*, used the term "natural born citizen" in reference to persons who were born in the United States, of U.S.-citizen parents.

"The arguments aren't crazy," said Georgetown law professor Lawrence Solum, an expert in constitutional theory. But, he added, "the much stronger argument suggests that if you were born on American soil that you would be considered a natural born citizen." □

Medallions to run New York city cabs hit \$1 million each

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NEW YORK — Two New York taxi medallions — aluminum plates that grant the right to operate a yellow cab — changed hands this week for \$1 million apiece, the highest recorded sale since the city's modern livery system began.

The sale was the culmination of decades of astonishing growth for the humble medallion, which is nailed to the hood of every yellow cab in the city. When New York issued its first batch of medallions in 1937, the going price was \$10 even, or \$157.50 in today's dollars. Some perspective: The Dow Jones industrial average has risen 1,100 percent in the past 30 years. In the same period, the value of a taxi medallion is up 1,900 percent. That return beats gold, oil and the American house.

Sky-high prices and million-dollar deals seem a far cry from the medallion's early days; when World War II came around and demand for taxis dropped,

many drivers simply returned their medallions to the city to avoid the annual \$10 renewal fee.

"It's a lot of money, and it

mission.

The million-dollar sale was hatched this year, when a taxi financing specialist named Nat Goldbetter

seller was hoping for more. With many owners reluctant to sell these days, hoping for the value to keep rising, Goldbetter figured he could find a willing buyer. The papers were signed Wednesday morning.

"Nobody ever thought the medallion would get to this point," Goldbetter said from his office in Queens, a few hours after the papers were signed. "It was pretty cool. It broke up the boredom of my work."

Goldbetter, a youthful-looking 67, grew up on the Lower East Side and got into the taxi business in the 1960s as a driver. He bought his own medallion in 1969 for \$25,000 but sold it a few years later.

"I could have made a zillion dollars, but I did OK,"

he said.

Goldbetter was also no stranger to the historic: In 1985, he handled the sale of the first \$100,000 medallion, a feat that earned a front-page article in The New York Times.

"It's kind of history repeating itself, only multiplied by 10," he said.

There are 13,237 medallions in the city; new ones, when issued, are sold at auction. But the medallion pool is rarely expanded, creating a scarcity that helps keep values high.

(Many owners have objected to a city proposal that would allow livery cabs to pick up street hails outside busy parts of Manhattan, saying such a plan would lower the value of their medallions.)□



New York taxis at a stop light in Manhattan, Oct. 20, 2011. Two New York taxi medallions, tin plates that grant the right to operate a yellow cab, changed hands this week for \$1 million apiece, the highest recorded sale since the city's modern livery system began.

(Ruth Fremson/The New York Times)

is an investment that someone would not make without being confident in the industry and the future of the city," said David S. Yasky, chairman of the city's Taxi and Limousine Com-

received a visit from an old acquaintance looking to sell two medallions bought for \$80,000 apiece in the 1980s. There was an offer that valued each medallion at \$975,000, but the

Judge acquits cop of stomping victim

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Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A federal judge Thursday acquitted a police sergeant of a charge he stomped on a dying, mentally disabled man who was gunned down on a New Orleans bridge after Hurricane Katrina, overturning parts of a jury verdict that convicted five current or former officers of civil rights violations. U.S. District Judge Kurt Engelhardt upheld the majority of the officers' convictions, but he concluded jurors didn't hear sufficient evidence to convict Sgt. Kenneth Bowen of stomping on 40-year-old Ronald Madison after another officer shot and fatally wounded the man. The shooting occurred on the city's Danziger Bridge days after Katrina's storm surge breached levees and swamped much of the desperate city with floodwaters in 2005.

Engelhardt also found insufficient evidence to convict Bowen and three other officers of conspiring to falsely prosecute shooting victim Jose Holmes, who wasn't arrested or charged with wrongdoing after he was wounded by police.

But the judge left most of the verdict intact and rejected defense attorneys' bids for a new trial.

U.S. Attorney Jim Letten said his office is reviewing Engelhardt's ruling and weighing options, including whether to appeal.

"The majority of the counts and the serious counts are intact, but all the counts

are important to us," Letten said.

Police shot and killed two people and wounded four others on the bridge less than a week after Katrina's landfall.

All five defendants, including a retired police investigator who wasn't charged in the shootings, were convicted of engaging in a brazen cover-up that included a planted gun, fabricated witnesses and falsified reports.

Jurors convicted them of all 25 counts they faced. Engelhardt ordered acquittals in three of those 25 counts.□

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US teen charged in 'Jihad Jane' terror plot

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Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A high school honors student helped the American terror suspect dubbed "Jihad Jane" plot to kill a Swedish artist and used the Internet to raise money and recruits for overseas terrorists, federal prosecutors charged in an indictment Thursday. Mohammad Hassan Khalid, a legal immigrant from Pakistan, had been the rare juvenile in federal custody until he turned 18 last month. The FBI arrested him July 6 at his family's home in Ellicott City, near Baltimore. He was charged Thursday with material support of terrorism. According to the indictment, Khalid tried

to recruit men to wage jihad, or a violent holy war, in Europe and South Asia, and women who had passports to travel through Europe. He had met Colleen LaRose, who had dubbed herself "Jihad Jane" in YouTube videos, in an online chat room when he was about 15, according to the indictment. Prosecutors also charged Ali Charaf Damache, 46, an Algerian detained in Ireland, with conspiracy to aid terrorists and other charges. He had married another American suspect in the case, Jamie Paulin-Ramirez, the day she arrived in Ireland in 2009. "Today's indictment, which alleges a terrorist conspiracy involving individuals around the globe who

connected via the Internet — including a teenager and two women living in

America — underscores the evolving nature of violent extremism," Lisa Mo-

naco, an assistant attorney for national security, said in a news release. □

Rapture 2.0: The end is near, again, says apocalyptic preacher

Jennifer Brett

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ATLANTA -- Don't make any weekend plans. Harold Camping, the end-of-times preacher who incorrectly calculated that the world would end on May 21, has a new prediction. The apocalypse is actually going to be Friday, he now says.

After the first Rapture date came and went, Camping came in for a bit of static, especially from people who'd depleted their savings figuring they'd be whisked to heaven. Not to fear, Camping explained. May 21 was merely the "spiritual" Rapture. Friday is the real deal.

Unlike this spring, we're not seeing massive coverage of people camped out awaiting the end of the world. (Unless some of the "Occupy" protesters have



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worked that into their list of demands).

So, are you getting your affairs in order?

Well, Timothy Lloyd, pastor Oakhurst Church in Decatur, Ga., is. Sort of.

"I am working on my sermon for Sunday," he said with a smile. "I have com-

passion on the folks who get fooled by this stuff because life is tough and these predictions give people a glimmer of hope. It gives folks a solid sense, an assurance of where things are going, because they can actually point to a date on a calendar." □

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Mexico accuses U.S of dumping criminals at border

MARK STEVENSON

Associated Press

WASHINGTON/MEXICO CITY

(AP) — Mexican President Felipe Calderon accused the United States on Thursday of dumping criminals at the border because it is cheaper than prosecuting them, and said the practice has fueled violence in Mexico's border areas.

U.S. officials earlier this week reported a record number of deportations in fiscal year 2011, and said the number of deportees with criminal convictions had nearly doubled since 2008.

"There are many factors in the violence that is being experienced in some Mexican border cities, but one of those is that the American authorities have gotten into the habit of simply deporting 60 (thousand) or 70,000 migrants per year to cities like Ciudad Juarez or Tijuana," Calderon told an immigration conference.

Among these deportees "there are many who really are criminals, who have committed some crime and it is simply cheaper to leave them on the Mexican side of the border than to prosecute them, as they should do, to see whether they are guilty or not," Calderon said. "And obviously, they quickly link up with criminal networks on the border."

On Tuesday, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director John Morton said his agency deported nearly 400,000 individuals during the fiscal year that ended in September, the largest number of removals in the agency's history. Morton announced the

2011 numbers in Washington, saying about 55 percent of those deported had felony or misdemeanor convictions. Officials said the number of those convicted of crimes was up 89 percent from 2008. The vast majority of migrants, and deportees, are from Mexico.

There are no records to substantiate whether U.S. authorities opt for deporting undocumented Mexican nationals who have committed crimes instead of prosecuting them in the U.S. □

Birthplace of Tunisia's revolution is skeptical



A student wears Tunisia's flag on her face. Ten months after an anguished fruitseller in Tunisia's arid and impoverished interior set himself on fire and sparked a string of uprisings across the Middle East that continue to this day, the Tunisians of Sidi Bouzid and neighboring Kasserine want their revolution back, and fear they will once again be marginalized by the wealthy cities of the coast.

PAUL SCHEMM

Associated Press

SIDI BOUZID, Tunisia (AP)

— The cafes around Sidi Bouzid's main square are filled with young unemployed men, sipping away the afternoon, suspiciously watching the circling cars promoting electoral candidates.

In the grassy square of the town where Tunisia's revolution began — and the Arab Spring was born — lie the torn remnants of election literature from the many parties competing in Sunday's landmark elections. □



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After prisoner exchange, moving ahead and looking back

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KHAN YUNIS, Gaza Strip—He was only one of the 477 Palestinian prisoners released by Israel in exchange for a single captive Israeli soldier. But as the welcoming celebrations wound down after the swap, many men came to a refugee camp here to pay him their highest respects. The former prisoner, Yehya Sinwar, 49, is the most senior of the Hamas members freed into Gaza in the deal, and he came home to a world he could not possibly have imagined during his long incarceration. As a young guerrilla fighter, he had collected knives and guns. But as he was driven from the Egyptian border to Gaza City on Tuesday, he saw thousands of Hamas fighters lining the highway, carrying automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades and driving pickup

when Sinwar co-founded the Islamist organization's security branch nearly a quarter-century ago. His

in hours of his release on Tuesday; he was invited to give a speech on behalf of the prisoners from a spe-



The former prisoner, Yehya Sinwar, the most senior of the Hamas members freed into Gaza, greets friends and relatives at a reception tent in his neighborhood in Khan Younis, Gaza, Oct. 19, 2011. Sinwar was one of the 477 Palestinian prisoners released by Israel in exchange for a single captive Israeli soldier.
(Lynsey Addario/The New York Times)

job, which included punishing "morality" offenders and killing collaborators with Israel, earned him four

cially built stage in Gaza City, adorned by a large poster depicting fighters of the Qassam Brigades, the military wing of Hamas, blowing up tanks and carrying away Gilad Schalit, the Israeli soldier who was released in the prisoner exchange, who had been captured during a 2006 raid. In his speech, Sinwar highlighted the lengthy period that many of the prisoners had been away, telling the crowd: "We left you one day bleeding under the flames of the occupation in the early years of the first intifada." In his case that was early 1988, when Hamas was only one month old. The question is whether he and his fellow prisoners, many of them military-wing hard-liners, will now argue for Hamas to pursue the course of intifada and bombs, or choose a new direction for a new era. □



Children play around the tent where former prisoner, Yehya Sinwar, the most senior of the Hamas members freed into Gaza, greets friends and relatives in his neighborhood in Khan Younis, Gaza,
(Lynsey Addario/The New York Times)

trucks mounted with heavy machine guns. It was a far greater display of lethal military force, more akin to Libya than Gaza, than what passed for Hamas' arsenal

life sentences in Israeli prison for attempted murder and causing grievous bodily harm through sabotage. Sinwar's status as a prison leader was apparent with-

Latest developments in the "Occupy" protests

The Associated Press

Some of the latest developments in the Occupy protests taking place in cities across the world:

NEW YORK

At least two school groups were at Occupy Wall Street on Thursday, using the protest as part of their lesson plan. Middle School 131 social studies teacher Ben Geballe took 16 children to Zuccotti Park as part of their school assignment: to interview, photograph and videotape protesters for a documentary.

The plaza commandeered by activists who helped birth the global protest is owned by a wealthy real estate corporation with multimillion-dollar properties around the world — precisely the sort of company the protesters have been shouting about for more than a month. Brookfield Office Properties, a highly respected real estate power player, now finds itself in an unprecedented quandary: how to keep the public from using a space that is, well, for the public.



Amber hope, 24, of Pittsburg, PA., chants at the occupy Wall Street protest while wearing body paint in Zuccotti park in New York. The protests against corporate greed and various issues have continued for more than a month and spawned similar uprisings around the world, attracting participants and tourists from around the country and beyond.

(AP Photo/John Minchillo)

MINNESOTA

Seven people were arrested for blocking traffic outside the U.S. Bancorp building in downtown Minneapolis during a protest by occupymn, police say. The group set up two tents in an intersection and didn't move when police asked them to, police Sgt. William Palmer said.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Occupy New Hampshire protesters are planning to regroup — and possibly relocate — after some arrests in Manchester for criminal trespass. Eighteen protesters were issued citations for violating a city ordinance prohibiting people from being in the city's parks from 11 p.m. To 7 a.m., police said. □

Protesting students seize Chile's Senate building

EVA VERGARA

Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) —

Dozens of students and other protesters interrupted a Senate committee meeting Thursday to demand a popular referendum on how to resolve Chile's social problems, especially education. Some protesters climbed atop the committee room's table and unfurled a sign reading "Plebiscite now" as Education Minister Felipe Bulnes and others participating in the hearing by the Senate's education budget subcommittee hurriedly left. Activists shouted and threw coins at Bulnes, who stumbled during scuffling on the way out, while a young man broke a window. The protesters then occupied the Senate headquarters in Santiago and transmitted the situation live over the Internet by webcam. They urged other students to converge on the building, which housed Chile's congress before the 1973-90 military dictatorship, and then march to the presidential palace Thursday night. Police blocked more people from entering the building and confronted a crowd outside, where protesters held signs demanding "Free Education" and "Referendum Now."

The occupation of the Senate headquarters came just hours after riot police violently evicted protesters from galleries at the current Congress building in Chile's port city of Valparaiso. Senate President Guido Girardi, a member of the opposition, promised that the protesters at the Senate building would not be dislodged by force. His promise drew criticism from pro-government legislators, including Sen. Alberto Espina, who



Protesters try to get into the Chilean Senate headquarters as a police officer blocks the entrance in Santiago, Chile, Thursday Oct. 20, 2011. Dozens of students and other protesters interrupted a Senate committee meeting to demand a popular referendum on how to resolve Chile's social problems, especially education.

(AP Photo/Luis Hidalgo)

criticized Girardi for "a serious dereliction of duty" in failing to ensure the security of the committee hearing. University and secondary school students have been boycotting classes and mounting demonstrations for nearly six months pushing their demand that the government make extensive changes in Chile's education system. The protests have been largely peaceful, but small groups of activists have frequently fought with police after the marches end. The protesters are demanding the government provide free public education for all students, not just the poorest, and to improve the quality of schooling. They also want state subsidies for private colleges reduced. President Sebastian Pinera's government has said it cannot afford to make education free for all Chileans, and student leaders have broken off negotiations with the center-right administra-

tion. Pinera has sent his own proposals for education changes to Congress, and appointed a commission of experts to provide him with further ideas in January.

Political leaders on both the right and left have said the issue will have to be resolved in Congress, but student leaders say they want a national referendum because they don't trust legislators. The protests have won widespread sympathy for the students, while Pinera's support has dropped to between 20 percent and 30 percent in opinion polls. But Chile's constitution allows referendums in only very limited circumstances, such as when Congress and the president cannot resolve their differences. □

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Chavez says his cancer is gone

SIMON ROMERO

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RIO DE JANEIRO — President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela declared on Thursday that he had beaten cancer, less than five months after he stunned Venezuelans by revealing that he had undergone emergency surgery to remove a tumor while in seclusion in Cuba.

"No abnormal cellular activity exists," Chavez said in comments broadcast on state news media while he was in western Venezuela, where he was preparing to visit a Roman Catholic shrine.

"I've begun to exit the cave," said the president, dressed in a green military uniform.

Despite Chavez's announcement, which he made after a brief trip to Cuba for a checkup, mystery still shrouds his condi-

tion. He has never publicly revealed what type of cancer he had. Altogether, Chavez, 57, underwent four chemotherapy treatments, including three in Cuba and one in Venezuela, according to the government. Physically, he still looked like a changed man Thursday, appearing bloated and with a green military cap covering a bald head. Spiritually, Chavez also seems to have acquired a more religious air.

"I'm more Christian every day," he said Thursday. "Socialism is the road to Christ." Confusion persists in Venezuela about how healthy or sick Chavez may be. Salvador Navarrete, a prominent Venezuelan doctor who describes himself as the president's former personal surgeon, said this week that Chavez had less than two years to live, attributing his

illness to a "very aggressive" tumor in the pelvic area. Navarrete, a former militant in Chavez's political movement, said he drew his conclusions from recent discussions with Chavez's family. He made his claims in an interview with M Semanal, the weekly magazine of the Mexican newspaper Milenio. In the interview, Navarrete offered other details about Chavez's health. He said that the president had been treated for bipolar disorder, and that Chavez smoked cigarettes at times of tension in his private chambers and consumed copious amounts of coffee throughout the day.

An employee in Navarrete's office in Caracas said he was unavailable for comment.

The state news media have dismissed Navarrete's



Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez, right, greets supporters upon his arrival to La Fria, Venezuela, Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011. Chavez said he is cancer-free because a series of medical exams in Cuba showed no recurrence of the illness following two months of chemotherapy treatments. Chavez underwent surgery in Cuba in June to remove a cancerous tumor from his pelvic region. He has not revealed where the tumor was located nor the type of cancer with which he was diagnosed.

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claims, with Mario Silva, the host of a nightly program that disparages Chavez's

opposition, contending that Navarrete was never the president's physician. □

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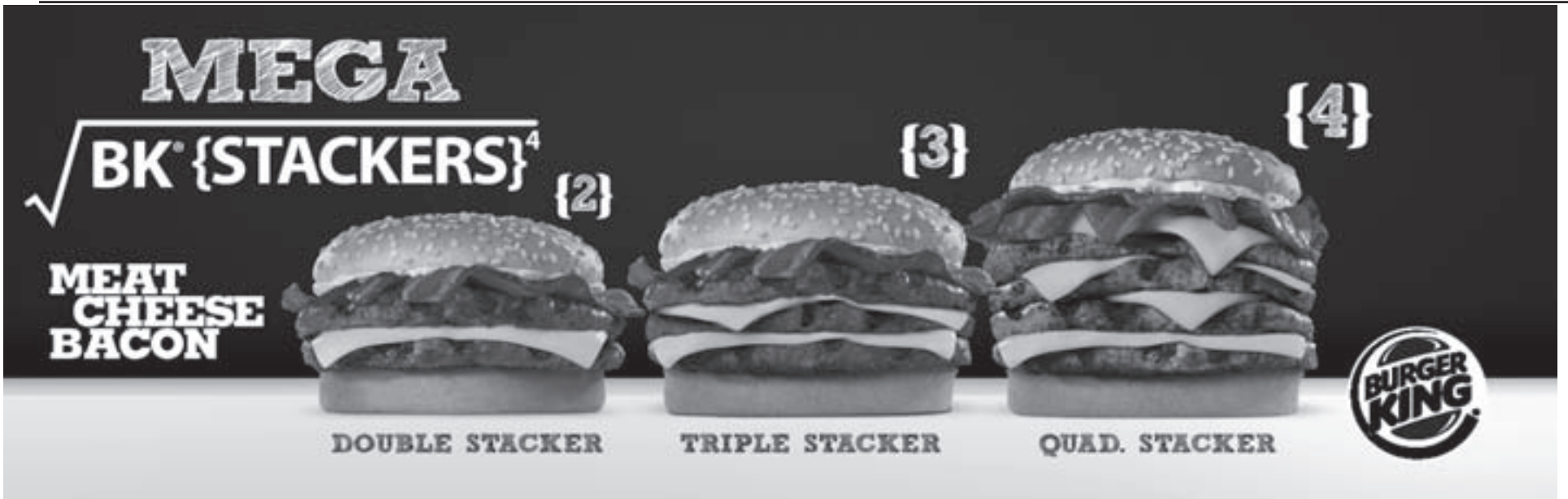
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Basque group ETA ends armed independence campaign

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YESICA FISCH, Associated Press

BILBAO, Spain (AP) — After killing more than 800 people across Spain over the last four decades in its drive for an independent state, the Basque separatist group ETA on Thursday said it would lay down its arms — but stopped short of declaring it was defeated.

The historic announcement was made via video by three ETA members wearing trademark Basque berets and masks with slits for their eyes. At the end of the clip, they defiantly raised their fists in the air demanding a separate Basque nation.

Once a force that terrorized the country with shootings and bombings, Europe's last armed militant movement has been both romanticized and vilified. But it had been decimated in recent years by a wave of arrests, declining support among nationalists and repulsion with raw violence, and the announcement had long been expected.

The group has killed 829 people since the late 1960s in a campaign of bombings and shootings aimed at forcing the government to allow creation of an independent Basque homeland straddling provinces of northern Spain and southwest France. ETA emerged during the dictatorship of Gen. Francisco Franco, who was obsessed with the idea of Spain as a unified state and suppressed Basque culture, banning the ancient and linguistically unique language — which sounds nothing like Spanish or any other language — and destroying books written in it.



This video frame, which was released by the Basque separatist group ETA, shows three unidentified people with their faces covered, wearing Basque berets and seated at a table in front of an ETA flag with a Basque Country symbol in foreground. The Basque daily Gara says the armed group ETA has issued a statement Thursday Oct. 20, 2011 saying it is ending its armed campaign and calls on Spain and France to open talks.

(AP Photo/Basque Television, File)

Basques argue they are culturally distinct from Spain and deserve statehood, and arrests of independence sympathizers still prompt crowds to head to the streets clapping in support. But, the wealthy and verdant region also has a large population of

non-Basques who consider themselves fully Spanish and have long been opposed to the militants. The group's most spectacular attack came in 1973, when ETA planted a bomb on a Madrid street after weeks of tunneling, and blew up the car of then

Prime Minister Luis Carrero Blanco. He was killed in the blast that sent the vehicle into the air and left it as smoky debris atop the roof of a nearby building.

ETA became even more violent in the 1980s, shooting hundreds of police officers and politicians, and occasionally killing civilians.

Classified as a terrorist group by Spain, the European Union and the United States, the group's power and ability to stage attacks waned over the last decade, following the Sept. 11 attacks and the 2004 Madrid train bombings by radical Islamists. □

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Andy Warhol: Pop rides the news cycle

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WASHINGTON – A pity that Andy Warhol, who died in 1987, couldn't be around for the social media century. With his penchant for terse utterance, he was born to tweet. As an avid scenester with an outsider's soul, he would have found Facebook the answer to a prayer. What he was around for, beginning in the 1940s, was a golden age of print journalism, specifically the heyday of the tabloid headline, that shot of visual adrenaline that nailed the eye at every newsstand. The classic headline of two, three or four shock-packed words made even Twitter look verbose. The stories attached to them – about everyday murder,

culture; the culture was him. Symbiosis is a form of love. At the same time being an outsider – super smart, deeply fearful, very gay – he stood at a remove from the culture, far enough to see its harsh, even poisonous underside. This view is what gives even his wittiest Pop work a faintly rank flavor, and makes his dark work genuinely dark. Both aspects of his art are on display in unlike but complementary shows here in Washington. The larger and more complex of them, "Warhol: Headlines" at the National Gallery of Art, is a dense, jittery but judiciously scaled thematic look at his career-long use of news-related material drawn from print journalism, photography and films.

the equivalent of a Page 1 meeting: big Warhol paintings of tabloid newspaper covers surround us on three walls. "129 Die in Jet!" shouts the headline from a 1962 edition of the long-gone New York Mirror, the awful fact confirmed with a photo of tattered wreck. A New York Daily News headline from the same year delivers the report of a Hollywood royal marriage on the rocks: "Eddie Fisher Breaks Down," we're told, as his estranged wife, Elizabeth Taylor (soon to be Mrs. Richard Burton) stays in Rome. As if to magnify the depths of the loony-bin-bound Fisher's agony, the headline is set above a picture of the couple taken in a happier day. In two paintings, one un-



Visitors view "Warhol: Headlines" at the National Gallery of Art, which is the larger and more complex show of the two new Andy Warhol exhibits in Washington, Oct. 18, 2011. Much of Warhol's work is focused on time, either trying to freeze it or to acknowledge the reality of transience, a theme that can be interpreted in both of the new Washington exhibits.

(Doug Mills/ The New York Times)

madness and mayhem, preferably with a celebrity hook – turned the average American into a sidewalk scopophiliac. Warhol, the most pragmatic of artists, took all the news that daily life brought, and used it in art: pathos, silliness, danger, dirt, cut-rate nourishment (Campbell's soup in his working-class Pittsburgh home), an unappeasable hunger for glamour, any kind, every kind. In a real sense he didn't stand apart from any of this. He was the

The second show, "Andy Warhol: Shadows," at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, consists of basically just one piece: a mural-size, multipanel, mostly black "abstract" painting which, depending on your mood and your take on Warhol, can read as sublime or sinister, but either way radiates an air of profound silence. The National Gallery show, organized by Molly Donovan, an associate curator at the museum, opens with

finished, based on a 1961 issue of The New York Post, we get contrastingly upbeat royal tidings. "A Boy For Meg" says the headline, announcing the birth of a son to Princess Margaret of Britain, who is seen smiling demurely for the camera. But the editors must have felt the story was a tad ho-hum. So, for sleaze appeal, they added a blue banner high up on the cover promising the low-down on "Sinatra and His 'Rat Pack.'" □

Where art is child's play

LAUREL GRAEBER

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NEW YORK – The bar at 103 Charlton Street buzzed with excited chatter at its grand opening, as more than a dozen young Saturday revelers waited to get in. Joe Vena leaned over the black granite countertop, cheerfully taking orders with a New York bartender's consummate skill. "I know what I want, Joe," one patron said, and Vena nodded, also acknowledg-

get to do art and all different things here that other museums don't let you do," she said. All children's museums hold art workshops, but the Children's Museum of the Arts intends its new home in the South Village to underscore just how much it differs from its peers. While other such institutions often emphasize science, literacy and creative play, this one focuses almost exclusively on making art: not just drawings and



Children paint in front of "Thalassa," a mural by Swoon, at the Children's Museum of the Arts in New York. Financed by public and private sources, the new Children's Museum of the Arts aims to put what was once a small but industrious museum firmly on New York's cultural map with its upgraded space and exhibits.

(Chang W. Lee/The New York Times)

ing the request of the eager customer on the stool next to her. "A bat and a peacock?" he said.

"Excellent. Coming right up." These were not the latest exotic cocktails from a purveyor of downtown chic, but two of the many possibilities at the Clay Bar at the Children's Museum of the Arts, which this month opened its new 10,000-square-foot space in the building's former loading dock.

At the bar children order an object, and a staff teaching artist prepares the clay, arrayed on shelves where Grey Goose and Johnny Walker would ordinarily stand. (The space can function as a real bar during fundraisers.) Vena, also manager of the museum's Media Lab, offered tools and pointers but never took over the projects. He molded a sample bat's head from gray clay, showing Maxyne Watkins, 9, how a pencil's tip could create eyes. She then began working on her own bat. "You

sculpture, but also sound art and stop-motion animation. On opening day, Oct. 1, many children took what they had made in the Clay Bar next door to the Media Lab, where they filmed their creations on landscapes of plastic foam and discarded electronic parts. Others went to the Sound Booth to experiment with electronic scores.

"We're not real gimmicky," said David Kaplan, the museum's executive director, during a stroll through the space. "Our teaching artists come here because they're serious about art." he museum demonstrates its own seriousness in its permanent collection, comprising art dating to the 1930s.

Although the Brooklyn Children's Museum also has permanent holdings, consisting mostly of cultural and natural history artifacts, the Children's Museum of the Arts is the only institution in New York City collecting international children's artwork. □



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PALM BEACH - Papillon Restaurant is prepared for the 2011 Game Season. No, this is not about baseball, this is about meat. And game lovers are licking their lips in anticipation of the smooth pheasant pâté, saddle of hare, deer steak, pigeon breast and wild boar with bacon that will shortly be available at theme restaurant Papillon in The Village, across from the Radisson Resort. Chef Bas is ready for the first flight that will bring in the bounty and he is planning to serve the autumnal dishes with stewed pears, forest fruits, apple compote and mushrooms. In Europe the hunting season is limited: from October 15 until mid December hunters with permits are al-

lowed to shoot a previously allotted number of deer, pheasants, wild boars and other animals of the woods. This adheres to the tradition of keeping the number of roaming animals in check. Europeans love eating game. Pheasant, boar, hare and venison are considered the perks of fall, the season for the hunt. Controlled hunting keeps the balance between the species and special permits are therefore sought-after in many countries. The hunt used to be a royal, noble sport and the nobility greatly enjoyed the chase, seated on their horses, sipping freely from their flasks, with packs of dogs and foot folk doing most of the work. The most impressive heads were mounted and glorious tales

about hunting days were told and re-told. But back to Papillon Restaurant, where its special Game Menu reads like a fairytale. The options are plentiful: brothe of game, pigeon breast salad, pheasant pâté, filet of hare, filet of deer, venison shank, filet of wild boar and 'Hazen-peper', a traditional game dish made of hare's leg. Dessert is stewed pears: Saint Remy pears stewed in red wine and cinnamon, with a scoop of vanilla bourbon ice cream, whipped cream and melted dark chocolate. Of course robust and impressive wines are called for when eating game. The wine suggestions are called Pleasures of Papillon Restaurant, of course with limited availability; the wine suggestions start off with a Château Montalena Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2006. The Wine Spectator awarded this outstanding wine 89 Points. The Claudy Bay, Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 20089 received 88 points from the Wine Enthusiast, while the Chateau Patache d' Aux from the Médoc 2005 got 92 points from noted food and wine critic Anthony Dias. The Rombauer Carneros Chardonnay 2008 may boast of 91 points by Clinton Stark. To make your game experience complete, the wines will be decanted and served in Riedel glasses. On Saturday, October 15 Papillon Restaurant served its first game dishes of the year 2011. Should you have anything to celebrate, Papillon is the place to be. □





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Bucs call on 'Insurance' Graham to spark the run

Tampa Bay Buccaneers player Earnest Graham answers a question after a team training session, in Bagshot, west of London, Thursday Oct. 20, 2011. The Buccaneers will face Chicago Bears at London's Wembley stadium on Sunday

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Webb Simpson, left, and Luke Donald, of England, watch Donald's tee shot on the 18th hole during the first round of the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Classic PGA golf tournament in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011.

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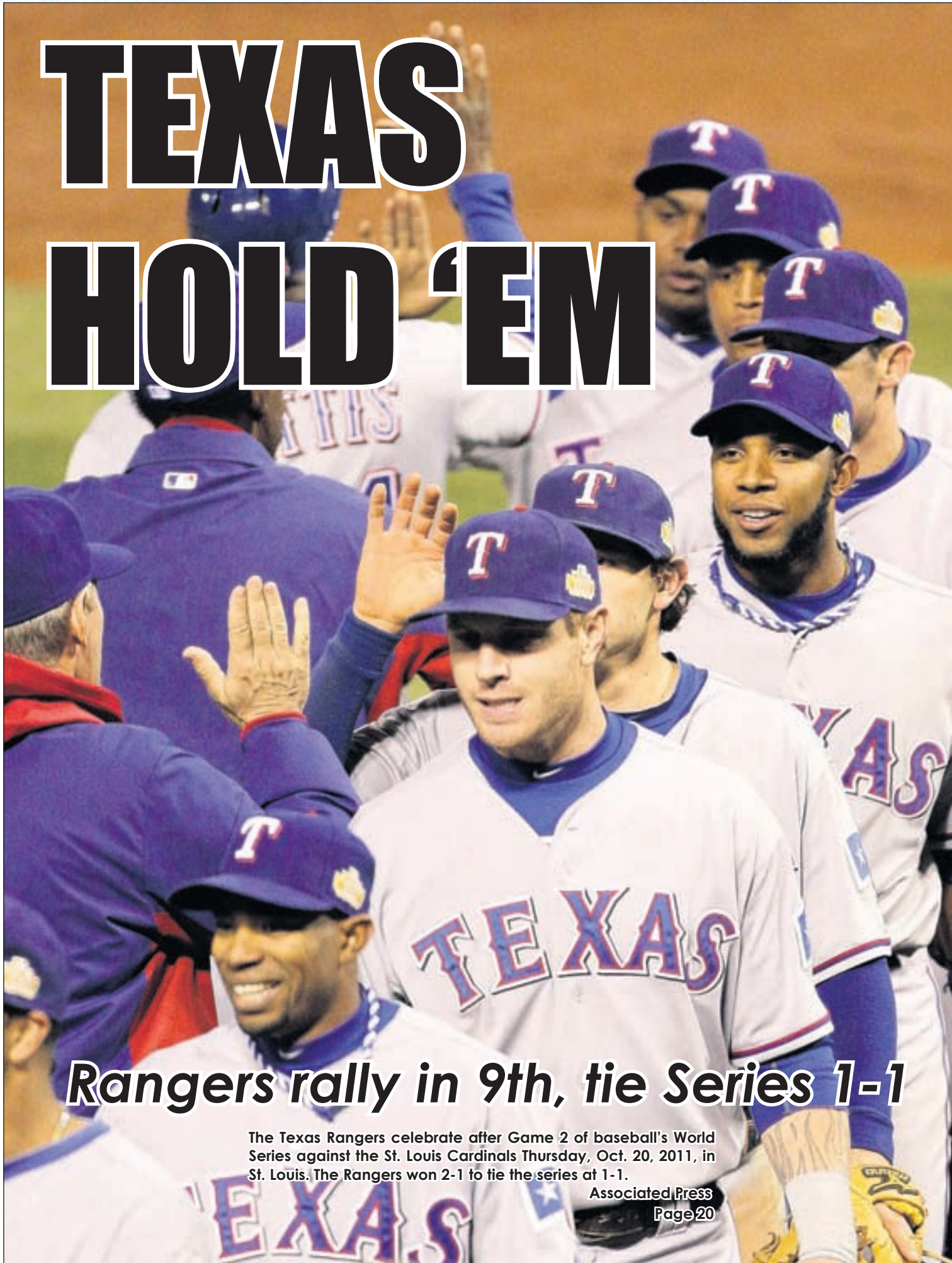
Donald shares Disney lead

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Florida (AP) — Luke Donald got off to a strong start in his pursuit of Webb Simpson and the top spot on the PGA money list, shooting a 6-under 66 Thursday in the opening round of the Children's Miracle Network Classic to share the lead with six other players. Donald is playing the opening two rounds with Webb Simpson, whose runner-up finish last week at Sea Island gave him a \$363,029 lead in the money list. Simpson also played bogey-free on the easier Palm course for a 68.

"Would have loved to have made a couple more at the end," Donald said of his six birdies. "I didn't hit the ball great the last few holes. I think you want to capitalize on the slightly easier course, and six birdies and no bogeys was a great start. It wasn't that easy out there. The wind was strong enough to make club selection a little tricky."

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TEXAS HOLD 'EM



Rangers rally in 9th, tie Series 1-1

The Texas Rangers celebrate after Game 2 of baseball's World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011, in St. Louis. The Rangers won 2-1 to tie the series at 1-1.

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Vonn hopes to have learned from last season

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Associated Press

SOELDEN, Austria (AP) — After losing the overall World Cup title, being labeled a bad loser and falling out with friend and rival Maria Hoefl-Riesch, Lindsey Vonn says she has learned from her mistakes and has a new outlook going into the Alpine ski season.

Last season ended in multiple disappointment for Vonn, who says she has put her problems on and off the slopes behind her just days ahead of the start of the new campaign — a World Cup giant slalom on the Rettenbach glacier on Saturday.

"Looking back to the season you can see where you made mistakes and definitely learn from those mistakes," the American three-time overall World Cup champion told The Associated Press in an interview.

"I put the past behind me and I am looking forward to the new season. Life is



Bode Miller, left, and Lindsey Vonn of the US, right, pose during a press conference of the Alpine Skiing World Cup in Soelden, Austria, Thursday Oct. 20, 2011. The first Alpine Skiing World Cup of the season 2011/2012 will take place on Oct. 22/23, 2011 in Soelden, the traditional start of the alpine skiing World Cup.
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the same. It's the same story — you have to try to win races. You learn from the past but you have to stay in the future and the present as well."

Vonn missed out on a fourth straight overall title as she was narrowly beaten to the crown by Hoefl-Riesch. The German clinched her first

title by just three points — 1,728 to 1,725.

The intriguing relationship as rivals and best friends between the two leading female ski racers changed drastically after Hoefl-Riesch blamed Vonn for not congratulating her on the overall victory, while the American decided to stay

away from the German's wedding in April.

Vonn and Hoefl-Riesch finally spoke to each other again in an attempt to clear the air in August while on training camp with their respective national teams in New Zealand.

"At the moment it's OK," Vonn said. "We talked through everything in New Zealand. We both took the decision not to talk about our friendship in public anymore. That was useless last year. We will focus on ski racing again and not discuss these matters. It's OK." Riesch-Hoefl said "our opinions are still different but Lindsey has acknowledged certain things and that's the end of that story for me ... We will focus on our sports now. Lindsey is to me a rival like all others."

Vonn received some criticism for the way she dealt with her mild concussion during February's world championships — ironically in Hoefl-Riesch's hometown of Garmisch-Parten-

kirchen — especially when she completed a training run wearing a puffy jacket and snow pants instead of a race suit.

And weeks later, after Vonn lost the overall title, many media labeled her a sore loser. The criticism hurt her, she admitted.

"I can't control what people say about me," Vonn said.

"It was definitely disappointing, some of the articles that came out. I don't think they were very fair or true. But all I can do is be myself, be a sports person, try to represent our sport well." Vonn said not being the overall champion going into a new season for the first time in three years does not make a lot of difference. She now will be the hunter, more than the hunted one.

"I am still after the same thing, that is to ski fast, and try to win as many races as I can," she said.

However, Vonn admitted to having a slightly different approach to the technical events, willing to take more risks instead of skiing to avoid possibly crashing out. "Last year at the end of the season I skied with no regrets, just trying to ski as fast as I can and no matter if I go out or not," Vonn said. "That's the kind of attitude that I want to take this year ... Not worrying about the points and not worrying about finishing. In the long run that will definitely help me."

Vonn was reluctant to make any predictions for the upcoming season, in which she will be defending three discipline titles — downhill, super-G and super-combined.

"I feel good, I feel ready for the season," she said. □

NBA labor talks turn nasty, negotiations end

BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA labor talks turned nasty and broke off Thursday when three days of meetings failed to yield a deal to end a 112-day lockout, raising the likelihood that even more games will be canceled.

After 30 hours of negotiations before a federal mediator, the sides remained divided over two main issues — the division of revenues and the structure of the salary cap system.

"Ultimately, we were unable to bridge the gap that separates the two parties," NBA Deputy Commissioner

Adam Silver said. "We understand the ramifications of where we are. We're saddened on behalf of the game."

Without a deal, NBA Commissioner David Stern, who missed Thursday's session due to illness, almost certainly will decide more games must be dropped. The season was supposed to begin Nov. 1, but all games through Nov. 14 — 100 in total — already have been scrapped, costing players about \$170 million in salaries.

Stern said previously that games through Christmas were in jeopardy without a deal this week. Silver said

the labor committee would speak with Stern on Friday about the future schedule. The union said owners essentially gave it an ultimatum to accept a 50-50 split of revenues, and president Derek Fisher accused management of lying to the media.

"We've spent the last few days making our best effort to try and find a resolution here. Not one that was necessarily a win-win. It wouldn't be a win for us. It wouldn't be a win for them. But one that we felt like would get our game back ... and get our guys back on the court, get our vendors back to work, get

the arenas open, get these communities revitalized," Fisher said.

"And in our opinion, that's not what the NBA and the league is interested in at this point.

They're interested in telling you one side of the stories that are not true and this is very serious to us. This is not in any way about ego. There are a lot of people's livelihoods at stake separate from us."

Billy Hunter, executive director of the players' association, said the union made "concession after concession ... and it's just not enough." □

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The wind began blowing in the morning as a front came through, giving Disney surprisingly cool conditions.

Donald, who just returned from Europe, immediately put his name in the mix to stay near the top of the leaderboard throughout the morning. Simpson made a late surge and also was satisfied with his start.

"It's a good start," Simpson said. "That's all you can ask for on day one. Looking forward to trying to improve tomorrow, just keep trying to climb the leaderboard." It's a crowded leaderboard, typical of this season-ending tournament.

With so much attention at the top, it's even more critical at the bottom as players try to finish in the top 125 on the money list to keep full status for next year. James Driscoll is at No. 125, and he was among those who opened with a 66 to tie for the lead.



November 14, 2010: Derek Lamely eyes his tee shot from the 8th tee on the Magnolia Course during first round golf action from The Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Classic held at The Disney Golf Resort in Lake Buena Vista, FL.

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The others were Arjun Atwal, Nathan Green, Scott Stallings, Derek Lamely and Gary Woodland, who won in Tampa earlier this year and is getting ready for a

trip to China for the World Cup.

William McGirt, who knows a thing or two about playing his best when he has to, was in the large group at

67. McGirt narrowly got into the FedEx Cup playoffs, then advanced to the second stage. He now is No. 138 on the money list, and could challenge to get into the top 125 if he can stay in the top 10.

Donald is trying to become the first player to win the PGA Tour and European Tour money titles in the same year. He also is trying to become the first player since Tom Lehman in 1996 to win the PGA Tour money title in the final tournament. The format is for two pros to play with two amateurs, and with Nos. 1 and 2 on the money list at Disney, it was natural for the tour to put Donald and Simpson in the same group. They had a few light-hearted moments.

"He asked when I was having my offseason," Donald said. "I said, 'Well, it was going to be this week. Thanks for playing the last two weeks.' But yeah, just some light-hearted banter out there."

Donald went ahead on the money list with a final birdie at the Tour Championship last month, but then Simpson lost in a playoff at the McGladrey Classic a week ago in his bid to win the money list, which comes with a five-year exemption.

Donald wasn't planning to play Disney until then. The Englishman is missing out on a 10-year reunion at Northwestern, where he was an NCAA champion and loved the Chicago area so much that he now lives there for most of the year. Northwestern plays Penn State at homecoming, and Donald said he was to be the honorary captain. His duties?

"Motivational speech, you know, that kind of stuff. Work out with 'em every day," Donald said sarcastically. "I think I get to be in the locker room and see what they do."

Instead, he's working at Disney, and trying to make it pay off in a big way. □



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Bucs call on 'Insurance' Graham to spark the run

MATTIAS KAREN

AP Sports Writer

BAGSHOT, England (AP) — Tampa Bay coach Raheem Morris has a nickname for running back Earnest Graham.

"We call him 'Insurance' Graham for a reason," Morris said of Graham, a player who has a knack for filling whatever needs the team has.

There's a good chance that reason will be clear to everyone when the Buccaneers face the Chicago Bears at Wembley Stadium on Sunday.

Graham usually does his work quietly and in the background: blocking for LeGarrette Blount, taking some third-down carries and providing veteran leadership on special teams. Right now, though, the team needs him to grab the spotlight for once.

Graham is coming off his biggest game in three years after filling in for the injured Blount and rushing for 109 yards in a 26-20 victory over the New Orleans Saints — surpassing his total yardage for all of 2010.

Blount has yet to practice with the Bucs in London this week, meaning the 31-year-old Graham is likely to again be called upon to

carry the running game in the fifth edition of the NFL's annual regular-season game in the British capital. Even for an eight-year veteran who is among the most respected players on his team, it's nice to get a chance to show a wider audience that he can still play a major role.

"When you don't show up in the stat lines and those types of things, I think it's hard for people to understand your value," Graham said Thursday after the team's second practice in Britain. "But my value has always been that I can play multiple positions at a very high level."

Just ask Morris, who often raves about Graham's unselfish attitude and presence in the locker room.

"His veteran leadership is — you can't even talk about it, you can't even (praise) it enough," Morris said.

"He's preparing to be the lead dog guy again (this Sunday). We've seen him do that before. We've seen him do it for a season, we've seen him do it at different spots at different times of a year. He's the best guy to do it for you."

Morris had his best season in 2007 when he ran for 898 yards and 10 touchdowns,



Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Earnest Graham catches a ball during a team training session, Bagshot, west of London, Thursday Oct. 20, 2011. The Buccaneers will face Chicago Bears at London's Wembley stadium on Sunday.

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but missed the last part of 2008 with an injury.

Since returning the next year, he's mainly had to play a supporting role to first Cadillac Williams and now Blount.

While Graham doesn't have the same power Blount provides, he brings a different type of relief for his offensive line.

"It's like having the best of both worlds," tackle Don-

ald Penn said. "Blount helps us out because people bounce off of him when we miss blocks.

Earnest helps us out because he makes us look good when we don't make the right blocks because he makes better reads and he has the better feel for it."

So while Graham's performance against the Saints may have surprised some fans, it was nothing more

than what his team expected.

"My teammates, coaches, organization, I don't think they were surprised by me stepping up and providing a nice rushing attack," Graham said.

"Within the building, we were still very confident that we could get the job done in the running game and I think that showed on the field." □



Toronto Maple Leafs goaltender James Reimer makes a save on the Winnipeg Jets during an NHL hockey game Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, in Toronto. Toronto won 4-3 in a shootout.

Associated Press

TORONTO (AP)—Phil Kessel is playing exactly the way the Toronto Maple Leafs wanted when they acquired him from Boston

in 2009.

The former University of Minnesota star had a goal and two assists—extending his NHL lead in goals and

Kessel helps Maple Leafs beat Jets

points—to help the Maple Leafs rally for a 4-3 shootout victory over the Winnipeg Jets on Wednesday night. He had little time to enjoy it before heading for Boston for a game Thursday night against the Bruins. A former first-round draft pick by Boston, Kessel knows he has struggled back in Boston since the trade.

"It gets old when you guys ask all the time," Kessel said. "You know, it's a couple years ago. I don't get jitters any more. Going back that first year I was a little nervous.

"They're a great team and we're going to have to battle hard to win tomorrow."

Kessel tops the NHL with seven goals and 12 points in five games, helping the Leafs earn nine of a possible

10 points in the standings. A streaky player throughout his career, the Leafs are waiting to see if this is another streak or the beginning of a career season.

"Only time will tell if he finds a way to be more consistent," coach Ron Wilson said. "But I don't see any holes in his game right now. He's backchecking, forechecking, making good decisions with the puck and staying on top of things. He wants the puck all the time, he's demanding it and he's getting it. That's the big thing."

About the only thing Kessel couldn't do Wednesday was score in the shootout, but teammates Joffrey Lupul and Matt Frattin made sure it didn't matter by beating Ondrej Pavelec in

the tiebreaker. Leafs goalie James Reimer stopped both Winnipeg attempts.

Lupul added two goals in regulation for Toronto (4-0-1) while Mark Scheifele, with his first NHL goal, Tobias Enstrom and Alexander Burmistrov replied for Winnipeg (1-3-1). It began as a promising night for Winnipeg in its first visit to a Canadian city. A number of fans turned up wearing Jets sweaters and the Leafs rolled out the welcome mat with a scoreboard tribute during a stoppage in play early in the first period.

Shortly after, Enstrom opened the scoring with Winnipeg's first power-play goal of the season. He fired a shot through all kinds of traffic that eluded James Reimer at 9:49. □

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Rangers rally in 9th, beat Cards to even Series



Texas Rangers' Josh Hamilton hits a RBI sacrifice fly ball against the St. Louis Cardinals during the ninth inning of Game 2 of baseball's World Series Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011, in St. Louis. Associated Press

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Josh Hamilton and the Texas hitters looked lost. They chased pitches that bounced, broke their bats and seemed totally over-matched.

Until the ninth inning, that is. Down to their last three outs, and in danger of dropping into a serious World Series deficit, the Rangers rallied against St. Louis' vaunted bullpen. Hamilton and Michael

Young lifted sacrifice flies in the ninth and Texas startled the Cardinals 2-1 on Thursday night to even the Series at 1-all.

In a city excited by a Rally Squirrel, it was Groundhog Day — almost.

For the second straight night, Cardinals pinch-hitter Allen Craig greeted reliever Alexi Ogando with a go-ahead single. This time, Craig did it the seventh. In Game 1, his hit in the sixth sent the Cards to a 3-2 win. The Rangers, however, were not done quite yet. Now, after a travel day, they will host Game 3 on Saturday night. Matt Harrison is set to start for the Rangers against Kyle Lohse. "It would have been hard," Hamilton said of possibly facing being 0-2. "We would have been comfortable going back to our place, having three games.

They're just like we are, never say die, til the last out is made.

It makes it fun."

Texas has not lost two straight games since Aug. 23-25. They sure waited a while to save themselves on this night that began as duel between starters Colby Lewis and the Cardinals' Jaime Garcia.

Ian Kinsler opened the ninth with a bloop single against closer Jason Motte. Next up was Elvis Andrus, whose tremendous play at shortstop kept the game scoreless much earlier.

He singled to center, sending Kinsler to third, and when the relay throw got away for a moment, Andrus scampered to second.

Cardinals manager Tony La Russa, who's been making all the right moves this October, brought in lefty Arthur Rhodes to face

Hamilton. But the slumping slugger, slowed throughout the postseason by a groin injury, hit a solid fly ball that scored Kinsler and moved Andrus to third.

La Russa went to his bullpen again, bringing in Lance Lynn to face Young. The steady Texas veteran did his job, lofting a fly ball that sent Andrus scampering home.

Then it was Rangers manager Ron Washington's turn. He signaled for closer Neftali Feliz, who worked around a leadoff walk to earn the save. Mike Adams got the win.

The acrobatic Andrus made a sensational play in the fifth to keep the game scoreless.

After a two-out single by Nick Punto and a walk to the light-hitting Garcia, Rafael Furcal slapped a hard grounder up the middle. □

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Study: Living in poor neighborhood can hurt health

MIKE STOBBE

AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Back in the 1990s, the federal government tried an unusual social experiment: It offered thousands of poor women in big-city public housing a chance to live in more affluent neighborhoods.

A decade later, the women who relocated had lower rates of diabetes and extreme obesity — differences that are being hailed as compelling evidence that where you live can determine your health.

The experiment was initially aimed at researching whether moving impoverished families to more prosperous areas could improve employment or schooling. But according to a study released Wednesday, the most interesting effect may have been on the women's physical condition.

About 16 percent of the women who moved had diabetes, compared with about 20 percent of women who stayed in public housing. And about 14 percent of those who left the projects were extremely obese, compared with nearly 18 percent of the other women.

The small-but-significant differences offered some of the strongest support yet for the idea that where you live can significantly affect your overall health, especially if your home is in a low-income area with few safe places to exercise, limited food options and meager medical services.

"This study proves that con-



Vickie Webb checks her blood pressure in her apartment in Durham, N.C., Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011. Webb, 43, lived in the projects in Durham, N.C. for several years before a housing agency helped relocate her and her husband to a better neighborhood. According to a study released Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, poor women in big city public housing a chance to live in more affluent neighborhoods. had lower rates of diabetes and extreme obesity. Webb was not part of the study.

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centrated poverty is not only bad policy, it's bad for your health," Shaun Donovan, secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

But no one believes the deficit-plagued federal government is going to expand the program and start moving low-income women to better neighborhoods en masse.

"It's not enough to simply move families into different neighborhoods," Donovan said. Instead, new ways must be found to help families "break the cycle of poverty that can quite literally make them sick." He did not mention specific proposals.

Public health experts have long thought that living in poor neighborhoods could ruin a person's health, but this study put the idea to a rigorous test.

Here's how it worked: Women believed to be about the same in most respects were randomly assigned to one group or another and then followed through time, in a model customarily seen in pharmaceutical studies. That makes it more scientifically rigorous than most research linking health problems to a social environment.

The study's good design "provides a basis to infer cause and effect" between poverty and

bad health, said Dr. Robert Califf, a noted Duke University cardiologist who is leading a massive study on neighborhoods and health outcomes.

The research was led by Jens Ludwig, a University of Chicago professor of public policy. It was published in Wednesday's New England Journal of Medicine.

The experiment started as a \$70 million HUD project in Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles and New York. It morphed into a health study after a variety of other government agencies and private foundations pitched in with an additional \$17 million more.

"In terms of scale, it's not soon or ever to be repeated," said Dr. Robert Whitaker, a Temple University pediatrician who was a study co-author.

The study involved women living in public housing in neighborhoods where 40 percent or more of residents were poor — areas like many of those on the South Side of Chicago or in the Bronx in New York City. The women all had children and were considered heads of households.

From 1994 to 1998, nearly 1,800 of them were offered vouchers to subsidize private housing, but the vouchers were only good in higher-income neighborhoods where fewer than 10 percent of the people were considered poor. They were required to live there at least a year.

The rest of the women were divided into two groups. One group got vouchers they could use in any neighborhood.

The other women did not receive vouchers, with the expectation that they would stay put.

Ten years later, women in the study were weighed and gave a blood sample to check for diabetes.

The women who moved to richer areas had the lowest rates of extreme obesity and diabetes. The difference suggests that moving to a better neighborhood could help at least 1 in 25 women. Or, in other terms, a person's risk of diabetes or extreme obesity dropped by about 20 percent by moving to a higher-income neighborhood. □

FBI official calls for secure, alternate Internet

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Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP)—The computer networks that control power plants and financial systems will never be secure enough, so government and corporate leaders should consider developing a new, highly secure alternative Internet, a top FBI official said Thursday.

Shawn Henry, the FBI's executive assistant director, said critical systems are under increasing threat from terror groups looking to buy or lease the computer skills and malware needed to launch a cyber attack.

In an AP interview Thursday, Henry said jihadist militants looking to harm the U.S. can tap organized crime groups who are willing to sell their services and abilities to attack computer systems. He would not say which terror group or whether any insurgent networks have actu-

ally been able to acquire the high-tech capabilities. But he said one way to protect critical utility and financial systems would be to set up a separate, highly secure Internet.

Henry sketched out the Internet idea to a crowd at a conference of the International Systems Security Association, saying that cyberthreats will always continue to evolve and outpace efforts to defend networks against them.

"We can't tech our way out of the cyberthreat," Henry said. "The challenge with the Internet is you don't know who's launching the attack." A key step, he said, would be to develop networks where anonymity is not an option and only known and trusted employees have access.

The vulnerabilities of critical systems such as power plants, the electric grid or



Cyber security analysts that are part of the defense team look at a diagram that shows their computer network during a mock exercise at the Department of Homeland Security's secretive cyber defense training facility at Idaho National Laboratory which is intended to protect the nation's power, water and chemical plants, electrical grid and other facilities, Friday, Sept. 30, 2011, in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

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Wall Street were a prime topic during the conference, reflecting growing concerns by U.S. officials. Government security officials say cyber attackers are using the Internet to

steal money, ferret out classified secrets and technology and disturb or destroy important infrastructure, from the electrical grid and telecommunications networks to nuclear power plants and transportation systems.

And while Henry described a system for the future, the head of the Pentagon's Cyber Command warned that the attacks against critical systems are increasingly carrying destructive viruses or malware.

Gen. Keith Alexander, who also is director of the National Security Agency, said the Pentagon and intelligence agencies must do more to protect their computer systems and coordinate with private companies to safeguard public networks.

And when a computer network is infected, someone should be able to disconnect it, he said.

"Is it the FBI? Is it the NSA? Is it the military or is it the ISPs — the Internet service providers? But somebody can turn that device off," Alexander said during a conference of the International Systems Security Association.

Alexander added that the Defense Department is finalizing policies that will determine what the military can do in the event of a cyber attack.

The Defense Department has set up a trial program to share cyberthreat data

with some large military contractors in order to prevent intrusions. The Homeland Security Department is looking at that model to protect power plants, financial networks or other key systems.

Alexander said that effort may need government action but that Homeland Security must lead it, with reviews to ensure the protections of civil liberties and privacy.

He said it's no longer good enough to try to monitor all networks at the Pentagon or across the government and then block the intrusions as they are detected. Cybersecurity experts note that it can sometimes take months to detect that someone has gotten in.

Instead, Alexander said the Defense Department is planning a drastic reduction in the number of routes into the network, so they can be better monitored and intrusions can be blocked in real time.

He also said defense and intelligence agencies will move to cloud computing, which would use highly secure, encrypted banks of remote computers to store data — much like people store photos or email in popular online programs. Doing that, said Alexander, will allow officials to better see and block any threats trying to get into government systems.

He also noted that commanders used cloud computing in Iraq, which allowed the military in intelligence officials to more quickly share and disseminate information to troops on the front lines who needed it.

In related action Thursday, the DHS announced that a former executive at the North American Electric Reliability Corp., or NERC, has been named the new deputy undersecretary for cybersecurity.

Mark Weatherford was the vice president and chief security officer at NERC and before that was the chief information security officer for the state of California. He is a former naval cryptologic officer. □

China says Internet censorship meets global norms



U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Kurt Campbell, left, attends a talk with Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Cui Tiankai, unseen, during a meeting at the Chinese Foreign Ministry in Beijing, China, Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011.

Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — China's Foreign Ministry defended the government's censoring of the Internet on Thursday, saying it meets international norms, as the U.S. questions whether the practices amount to a trade barrier. Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu told reporters that Beijing supports the use of the Internet, noting that more than 400 million Chinese use it. Though she did not directly respond to questions about a new U.S. inquiry about Internet censorship, Jiang said

that the issue should not be used as an excuse to meddle in Chinese affairs and that Beijing regulated the Internet to ensure its healthy development, just as other countries do. This is international practice," Jiang said at a daily media briefing. "At the same time, we are willing to work with other parties to step up communication and exchanges about the Internet and push for sound development of the cyberspace. But we oppose using Internet freedom as an excuse

to interfere in other countries' internal affairs."

China maintains extensive controls over the Internet, from sophisticated filters to corps of human monitors, in order to block material deemed pornographic or politically objectionable to the authoritarian government. While Chinese frequently complain about what some call the Great Firewall of China, businesses do too. Google Inc. moved its Chinese search engine offshore after the company decided it could no longer comply with directives requiring censorship of results. But other companies have complained of blocks preventing them from reaching Chinese consumers. U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk said Wednesday that Washington was using World Trade Organization auspices to seek information on how China censors the Internet. Kirk said the U.S. wants to understand China's rules on website blocking and the mechanics of Internet censorship. □

Stocks end mixed as Europe haggles over debt fix

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NEW YORK (AP)**

— New signs of division among European leaders over how to handle the region's debt crisis led to confusion on financial markets Thursday. Stock indexes rose, fell, rose back again and then ended the day more or less where they started. As they have been doing for weeks now, traders remain focused on the latest hope for a resolution to Europe's debt crisis: this time, a weekend summit of European leaders. The Dow Jones industrial average moved between gains and losses all day before ending up 37.16 points, or 0.3 percent, to close at 11,541.78. The Dow had been down as many as 113 points shortly after noon. The Dow is 0.3 percent below where it started the year, and is headed for its first down week after three weeks of gains. Trading was choppy as talks across the Atlantic appeared to falter because of differences between Germany and France over how



People walk past a screen displaying the Hang Seng stock index in Hong Kong Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011.

(AP Photo/Vincent Yu)

to protect European banks from the consequences of a default by the Greek government. Later in the day stocks rose slightly on news that a second summit meeting would take place next week after it became clear that France and Germany would not be able to bridge their difference in time for the meeting Sunday.

A messy default by Greece could lead to deep losses for European banks that hold Greek debt. If that leads them to pull back on lending to each other, it

could cause another freeze in global credit markets like the one in late 2008 af-

ter Lehman Brothers collapsed.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 5.51 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,215.39. The Nasdaq composite lost 5.42 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,598.62.

U.S. Treasury prices also fluctuated sharply as the latest news from Europe crossed, before ending about where they were a day earlier. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note was 2.18 percent late Thursday compared with 2.16 percent late Wednesday.

Stock indexes had edged higher in early trading after

the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia said regional manufacturing was "showing signs of recovery." Its index of manufacturing, shipments and new orders was far better than economists had forecast. An unexpected drop in the index spurred a stock market sell-off in August.

Other economic reports were mixed. The Labor Department said new applications for unemployment benefits dropped to 403,000 last week, a sign that layoffs are easing. On the downside, sales of previously-occupied homes dipped 3 percent last month. □

Microsoft's fiscal 1Q earnings hits target

MICHAEL LIEDTKE AP Technology Writer SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

— Microsoft's Windows franchise regained some of its vigor during the company's latest quarter, but that might not be enough to overcome the perception that the world's largest software maker is being outmaneuvered by nimble rivals whose fortunes aren't tied to the personal computer. The results released Thursday were highlighted by a 7 percent increase in revenue that exceeded analyst estimates. The gains for the July-September period oc-



curred throughout Microsoft's product lineup, which includes the ubiquitous Windows operating system, widely used programs such as Office, the Xbox 360 video game console and the Bing search engine. The company's earnings for the fiscal first quarter rose 6

percent from last year to match analyst projections. Investors weren't impressed. Microsoft shares dipped 19 cents to \$26.85 in Thursday's extended trading. Microsoft's stock price has been held back by worries that it isn't adapting quickly enough as more people use smartphones and computer tablets such as Apple's iPad instead of desktop and laptop computers that run on the Windows operating system. Three consecutive quarters in declining Windows revenue reinforced those concerns. □

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Capital One 3Q profit rises 1%



Alec Baldwin acts as a spokesman for Capital One. On Thursday Capital One Financial Corp. said its third-quarter profit edged up 1%, despite a big drop in the amount of loans written off as uncollectible.

EILEEN AJ CONNELLY

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Capital One Financial Corp. on Thursday said its third-quarter profit edged up 1 percent, despite a big drop in the amount of loans written off as uncollectible.

The McLean, Virginia-based bank had net income for the quarter end-

ed Sept. 30 of \$813 million, or \$1.77 per share, compared with \$803 million, or \$1.76 per share, in the year-ago period.

Total revenue rose 3 percent to \$4.15 billion, from \$4.02 billion last year.

Analysts, on average, were expecting profit of \$1.68 per share, on revenue of \$4.04 billion, according to

data provided by FactSet. Net interest income, or money earned from deposits and loans, rose 6 percent to \$3.28 billion, from \$3.11 billion a year ago. Total deposits jumped nearly 8 percent to \$128.32 billion. Total loans gained 3 percent to \$129.95 billion.

"Overall, I think the results were pretty good," said Keefe, Bruyette & Woods analyst Sanjay Sakhrani.

The bank, best known for its ubiquitous "What's in your wallet?" advertising campaign,

said U.S. credit card use rose 17 percent from the prior-year quarter. Sakhrani said the increased usage was "very strong."

Its auto finance unit wrote 40 percent more loans than last year, totaling \$3.4 billion.

It wrote off \$812 million in uncollectible loans, a drop of 47 percent from last year. That enabled Capital One to reduce the amount it set aside to cover soured loans by 28 percent, to

\$622 million.

But marketing and operating expenses rose 15 percent, offsetting some of that benefit.

Capital One also said it increased its reserve for mortgage-related claims by 3 percent to \$892 million. The bank said it now believes the upper end of potential losses from such claims could be \$1.5 billion.

Chairman and CEO Richard D. Fairbank said the company expects that its pending acquisitions of ING Direct and HSBC's U.S. credit card business will add to earnings in the near-term.

Capital One shares added 74 cents, or 2 percent, to close Thursday trading at \$40.49. Shares rose 6 cents to \$40.55 in aftermarket trading. □

US economy shows signs of health after slump

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy appears slightly healthier than many had feared it was a few weeks ago, raising hopes that it can end the year on an upward slope.

A raft of data Thursday show layoffs are trending down to a six-month low and factories in the Mid-Atlantic are growing again after contracting for two months. Nevertheless, home sales fell and the housing market is expected weigh on the economy deep into 2012.

The outlook for the final six months of the year has improved from August, when many thought the economy was at growing risk of falling back into a recession. Other recent reports showed hiring picked up slightly in September and consumers boosted their

spending on retail goods by the most since March.

Most economists now expect modest growth for the rest of this year. Still, they caution that it's unlikely to be strong enough to significantly lower the unemployment rate, which has been stuck near 9 percent for more than two years. And a recession in Europe, which many now predict, could slow growth in 2012. Macroeconomic Advisers forecasts the economy will expand at an annual rate of 2.7 percent in the July-September quarter, and 2.6 percent in the final three months of the year. The government issues its first estimate for third-quarter growth on October 27.

"A recession now looks a lot less likely, but economic growth is still going to be pretty weak," said Paul Ashworth, an economist at Capital Economics.

Reports Thursday were mostly positive:

— Home sales are tumbling, even though mortgage rates are at record lows. This week, the average rate on the 30-year mortgage ticked down to 4.11 percent.

Just two weeks ago, it fell below 4 percent for the first time ever. Most people don't want to go into debt to purchase depreciating assets, even if they can get low mortgage rates, Shepherdson said.

"Housing will recover in time as the labor market picks up and people start moving around the country to take up new jobs, but for now the market is dead," he said. — The average number of people applying for unemployment benefits each week over the past four weeks fell to 403,000, the Labor Department said. □

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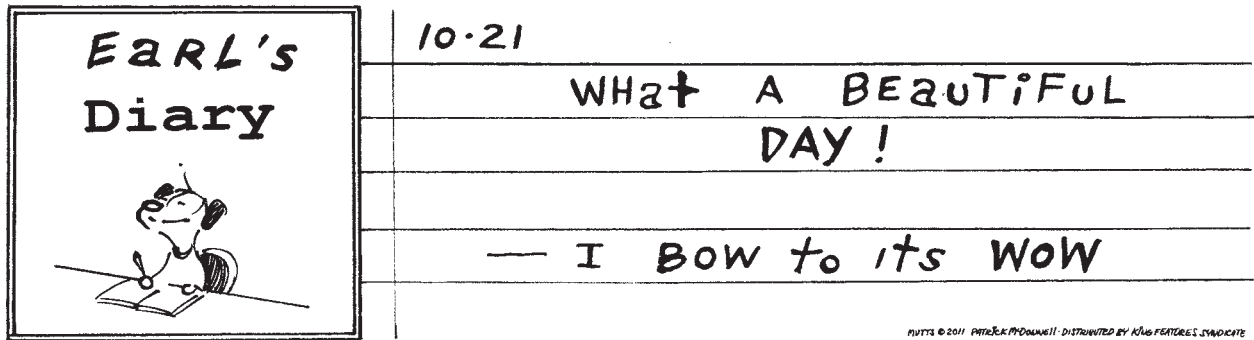
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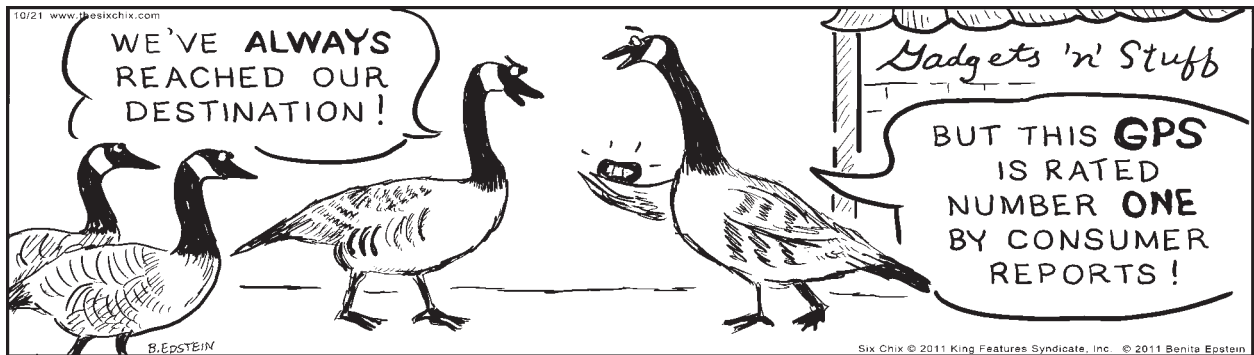
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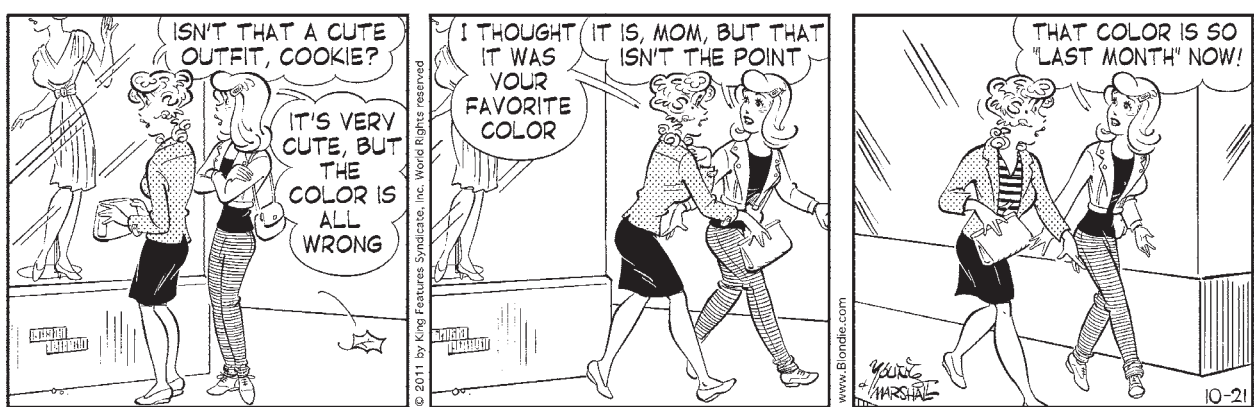
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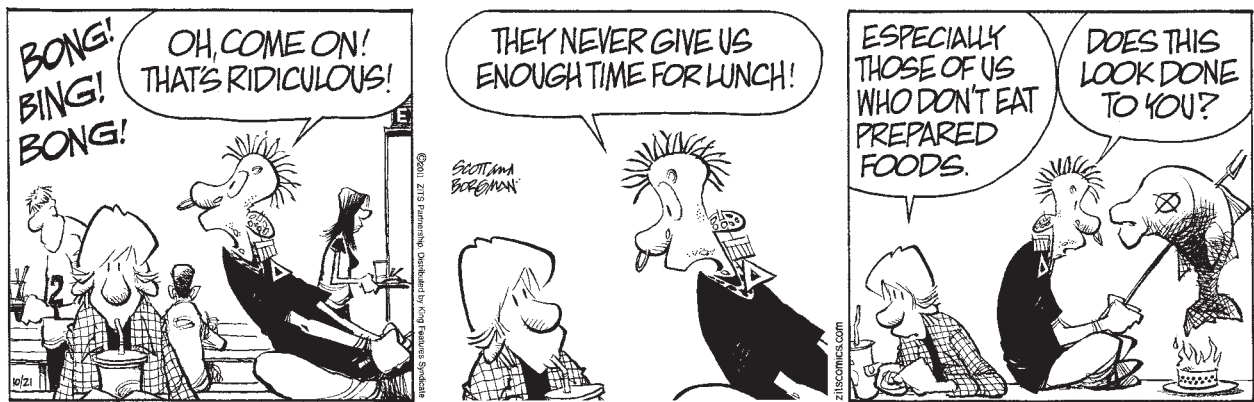
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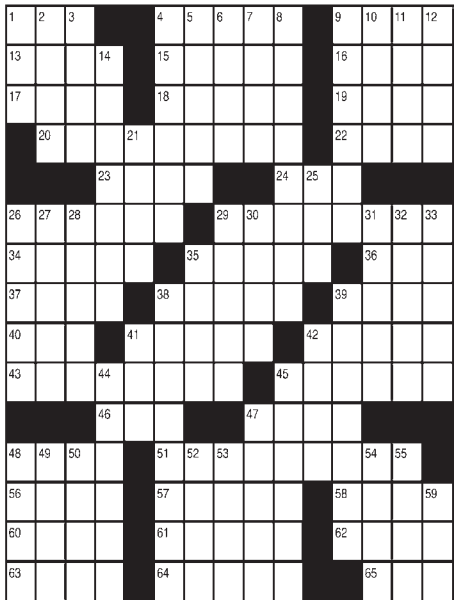
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

9	1	5	3	2	8	7	4	6
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6	7	3	4	5	1	9	8	2
4	2	1	8	9	5	6	7	3
8	6	7	1	3	2	5	9	4
5	3	9	7	4	6	2	1	8
3	8	6	5	1	9	4	2	7
1	5	4	2	7	3	8	6	9
7	9	2	6	8	4	1	3	5

ACROSS

- 1 Brimless tasseled hat
- 4 Passenger
- 9 Dad
- 13 Concept
- 15 Eat away at
- 16 Cause of heartburn
- 17 Young miss
- 18 Longest river in Europe
- 19 Small outbuilding
- 20 Harassed
- 22 Koppel and Turner
- 23 Corncobs
- 24 Fuss & bother
- 26 King's home
- 29 __ husky; sled dog
- 34 Got taken for __; was duped
- 35 Holy book
- 36 Whopper
- 37 Flock of quail
- 38 Mischievous sprite
- 39 Actress __ Spelling
- 40 Majors or lacocca
- 41 Worries
- 42 Cut a fancy slanted edge
- 43 U. S. flag
- 45 Loses vital fluid
- 46 Massage
- 47 Rich soil
- 48 Seaweed
- 51 Waylaying
- 56 African nation
- 57 Limas & favas
- 58 Lunchtime
- 60 Computer screen image
- 61 Oversize
- 62 Hindu teacher
- 63 Like grass blades in the morning
- 64 Finished
- 65 Hair covering



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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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EXIT	ARBOR	RENO
RILE	URNS	NATO
USED	SPADE	EMIT

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DOWN

- 1 Small oval fruit
- 2 Blue-pencil

- 42 Boring
- 44 Like photos that lack sharp definition
- 45 __ around; gave orders to
- 47 Sudden forward rush
- 48 Surrounded by
- 49 Bridal veil material
- 50 Shine
- 52 Cruel
- 53 Poet of old
- 54 Person, place or thing
- 55 Clinton's VP
- 59 Kook

Today in History

Today is Friday, October 21, the 294th day of 2011. There are 71 days left in the year. Highlights in history on this date:

1797 - The U.S. Navy frigate Constitution, also known as Old Ironsides, is launched in Boston's harbor.

1805 - A British fleet commanded by Adm. Horatio Nelson defeats the French and Spanish in the Battle of Trafalgar; Nelson, however, is killed.

1847 - The Sonderbund War between Catholics and Protestants begins in Switzerland.

1861 - The first South American railroad line is inaugurated in Paraguay.

1879 - American inventor Thomas A. Edison demonstrates the first electric lamp.

1913 - Royalist uprising in Portugal fails.

1916 - Austria's premier, Count Carl Stuergh, is assassinated by a socialist.

1923 - Start of a 160-day heat wave in Marble Bar, Western Australia, during which the temperature did not fall below 38 degrees Celsius (100 degrees Fahrenheit).

1938 - Japanese troops take Canton in China.

1944 - U.S. troops capture the German city of Aachen during World War II.

1945 - Women vote for first time in France.

1961 - President Gamal Abdel Nasser confiscates property of wealthy Egyptians.

1966 - More than 140 people, mostly children, are killed when a coal waste landslide engulfs a school and several houses in south Wales.

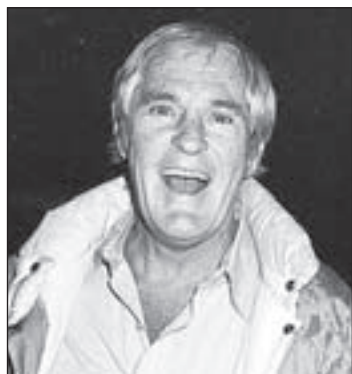
1967 - Tens of thousands of Vietnam War protesters march in Washington, D.C.

1969 - An army coup in Somalia follows assassination of President Abdi Rashid Ali Shermarke; Willy Brandt becomes first Social Democratic chancellor in West Germany's 20-year history.

1971 - North Vietnam's Premier Phan Van Dong says his government is ready to accept cease-fire as first step toward settlement of Vietnam War.

1973 - Four Gulf states cut off oil supplies to United States to protest U.S. arms shipments to Israel in Middle East conflict.

1988 - A federal grand jury in New York indicts former Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos and his wife, Imelda,



Today is Timothy Leary's birthday

on charges of fraud and racketeering. Marcos dies before he could be brought to trial; his widow, Imelda, is acquitted in 1990.

1989 - A Honduran jet breaks apart in flight and crashes outside Tegucigalpa, killing at least 120 people.

1991 - Jesse Turner, a U.S. university professor who was taken hostage in Beirut in January 1987, is released by his captors.

1992 - A British vacationer is killed and two others are wounded when Egyptian Muslim extremists open fire on their tour bus near Asyut, 380 kilometers (240 miles) south of Cairo.

1993 - Burundi's National Palace is stormed in a coup and President Melchior Ndadaye is killed.

1994 - The United States and North Korea sign a pact to end tensions over Pyongyang's nuclear program.

1996 - A U.N. envoy arrives in Kabul, Afghanistan, to try to avert an all-out war for the shattered city.

1997 - Aid begins pouring into Brazzaville, the wartorn

capital of the Republic of Congo, with planes flying in supplies to help the recovery from four months of battles.

1999 - A powerful 7.6 earthquake strikes Taiwan in the pre-dawn hours, killing more than 2,300 people and damaging 82,000 housing units. The quake causes some \$9 billion in damage and noticeably alters the island's topography.

2000 - About 23,000 Afghan refugees of Tajik descent flee to Pakistan as fighting rages in the northeastern provinces between the ruling Taliban militia and opposition forces.

2001 - The Solidarity Electoral Action Social Movement that Lech Walesa led to victory over Polish communists in 1989, concedes defeat one month after being trounced by ex-communists — the Democratic Left Alliance.

2002 - A vehicle packed with explosives slams into a bus near Hadera, in northern Israel, killing 14 Israelis and wounding 50 others.

2003 - A series of massive wildfires in southern California rages across wooded and suburban regions surrounding Los Angeles and San Diego, killing at least 22 people and scorching about 743,000 acres (301,000 hectares). Some 3,500 homes are destroyed.

2004 - Japan starts the clean up from its deadliest typhoon in over a decade, a day after the storm ripped across the country, killing 55 people and leaving 24 missing.

2005 - The body of a defense lawyer in Saddam Hussein's mass murder trial is found dumped in the street with two bullet wounds in his head hours after gunmen dressed as security forces take him from

his office.

2006 - Donations of clothing set off stampedes in impoverished Bangladesh leaving at least eight people dead. All are women except for one child.

2007 - A Soyuz craft with two Russian cosmonauts and a Malaysian aboard undocks from the international space station for the return to Earth.

2008 - Former Prime Minister of Thailand Thaksin Shinawatra is convicted of corruption in absentia and sentenced to two years in prison.

2009 - U.S. Vice President Joe Biden seeks reconciliation with America's staunch allies in eastern Europe, starting with Poland, which eagerly signs on to a revamped U.S. missile shield. 2010 — American influence so dwindles in Iraq over the last several months that Iraqi lawmakers and political leaders say they no longer follow Washington's advice for forming a government. □

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They immediately knew they were seeing something new, so they gathered more data on the star a year later. □

Lohan late to Day 1 of community service

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AP Entertainment Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) —

Lindsay Lohan arrived late to her first day of community service at the county morgue Thursday and was turned away, another hiccup in the actress' effort to prove to a judge that she is complying with terms of her probation. Lohan had been told to arrive at 8 a.m. for an orientation session but arrived 40 minutes late, spokesman Craig Harvey said. The actress was told to try again on Friday, but will have to arrive at 7 a.m., he said. Steve Honig, Lohan's spokesman, said in a statement that the actress was late because she didn't know which entrance to report to and "and confusion caused by the media waiting for her arrival." The "Mean Girls" star's tardy arrival at the morgue came a day after she was scolded by a judge for being terminated



In this booking photo provided by the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department, actress Lindsay Lohan is shown after she was taken into custody, Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011. Associated Press

from a community service assignment at a women's shelter. The hearing ended with Lohan's probation being revoked and her being led from court in handcuffs. She later posted \$100,000 bail and was released. She remains on probation for a pair of drunken driving arrests in 2007 and a misdemeanor theft case filed earlier this year after she was accused of taking a \$2,500 necklace without permission. She pleaded no contest in that theft case. □

Biography sheds new light on Steve Jobs' life

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RACHEL METZ
AP Technology Writers
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Steve Jobs had a disdain for people who put profits first. In an upcoming authorized biography of the late Apple CEO, he calls the crop of executives brought in to run Apple after his ouster in 1985 "corrupt people" with "corrupt values" who cared only about making money. Jobs was often bullied in school and stopped going to church at age 13, according to "Steve Jobs," by Walter Isaacson, which will be published Monday by Simon & Schuster. The Associated Press purchased a copy Thursday. Advance sales of the biography have topped best-seller lists since Jobs died Oct. 5 after

a long battle with cancer at age 56. According to the book, Jobs never went back to church after he saw a photo of starving children on the cover of Life Magazine. Later, he spent years studying Zen Buddhism. As a teenager, he exhibited some odd behaviors — he began to try various diets, eating just fruits and vegetables for a time, and perfected staring at others without blinking. Later, on the naming of Apple, Jobs told Isaacson he was "on one of my fruitarian diets." He'd just come back from an apple farm, and he thought the name sounded "fun, spirited and not intimidating." □

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Wall Street protesters look beyond traditional media



In this Oct. 18, 2011 photo, cell phones and laptops are charged at the Occupy Wall Street media area by a gas-powered generator in Zuccotti Park in New York. The protestors have sectioned off areas of their camp to provide information, services, food, and media resources for both demonstrators and curious pedestrians alike.

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NEW YORK (AP) —

The Wall Street protest against economic inequality has a chaotic and complicated relationship with media that has helped spread its message across the world from a small New York City park. Like the demonstrations themselves, Occupy Wall Street's media operation has no clear leader or simple message. Some of its volunteers work to help reporters whose cameras and microphones dot Zuccotti Park, even as many protesters express an aversion toward the press. The volunteers have counted at least 500 outlets that have sent reporters to the park, including a New Zealand newspaper and a documentary filmmaker from Australia. Trucks from television networks are parked along a narrow street next to the park, their transmitters reaching for the sky. A red-flowered umbrella and flimsy blue tarp hanging over two tables marked the centerpiece for the media operation, amid sleeping bags and circulating crowds. "It's triage," said Bill Dobbs,

a veteran liberal activist who is one of about two dozen volunteers who take shifts at the press area. There is no central phone number, and Dobbs' cell-phone voice mail tends to be full. Last weekend the group held media training sessions for protesters, not necessarily to push a certain message but to give tips in dealing with combative reporters, said Beth Bogaert, a documentary filmmaker and volunteer. No one has really taken the lead role, and Dobbs said that's intentional. "We try to avoid accumulating power in that way," he said. Nearby, a knot of reporters and demonstrators stood in a circle around one of the day's celebrity visitors: the Rev. Jesse Jackson. His visit wasn't advertised. Others who have dropped by to support the protesters include Susan Sarandon, Kanye West, Mark Ruffalo, Penn Badgley, Tim Robbins and Michael Moore. Julianne Pepitone, a reporter for CNNMoney.com who has been covering the protest since it started, said Wednesday that in the early days, media volunteers would often approach her

in the park and ask if she needed any help. It struck her as a well-oiled machine. Still, it can get frustrating covering a leaderless movement. "When you speak to these people, they are very careful to say that 'I don't speak for the whole revolution. No one does,'" she said. What complicates the coverage is the ambivalence — even antipathy — that some of the demonstrators have toward traditional media outlets. Particular anger is reserved for Fox News Channel. When he appeared at the demonstration, Fox's Geraldo Rivera was surrounded by a group of people beating on drums and chanting, "Fox News lies!" Another video was posted on YouTube showing Rivera retreating after someone threw powder at him. "You have a point," Rivera told them. "You have momentum. Don't let the jerks steal your movement." Fox Business Network's John Stossel was also met by hostile people who shouted profanities at him, and he showed the tape on Fox News Channel's Bill O'Reilly's show Tuesday. □



In this Sept. 15, 2011 file photo, director John Singleton arrives at the premiere of "Abduction" in Los Angeles. Singleton is suing Paramount Pictures and MTV Films for at least \$20 million, claiming fraud and breach of contract.

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John Singleton sues Paramount for \$20M

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Director and producer John Singleton is suing Paramount Pictures and MTV Films for at least \$20 million, claiming fraud and breach of contract.

In a complaint filed Wednesday in Los Angeles, Singleton claims the studios failed to uphold an agree-

ment connected with the distribution rights to 2005's "Hustle & Flow."

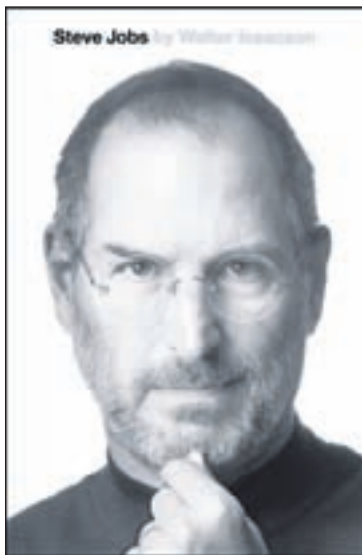
The lawsuit claims the studios promised to finance and distribute two future Singleton productions within five years but added restrictions when he submitted the projects. □

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Jobs reveals in the book that he didn't want to go to college, and the only school he applied to was costly private college Reed in Portland, Oregon. Once accepted, his parents tried to talk him out of attending Reed, but he told them he wouldn't go to college at all if they didn't let him go there. Though he ended up attending, Jobs dropped out of the school after less than a year and never went back.

His pre-Apple job as a technician at Atari paid \$5 per hour. He saw a classified ad in the San Jose Mercury News, went to visit the company and informed them he wouldn't leave unless they hired him.

Jobs' eye for simple, clean design was evident from early on. The case of the Apple II computer had originally included a Plexiglas cover, metal straps and a roll-top door. Jobs, though, wanted something elegant that would make Apple stand out. He told



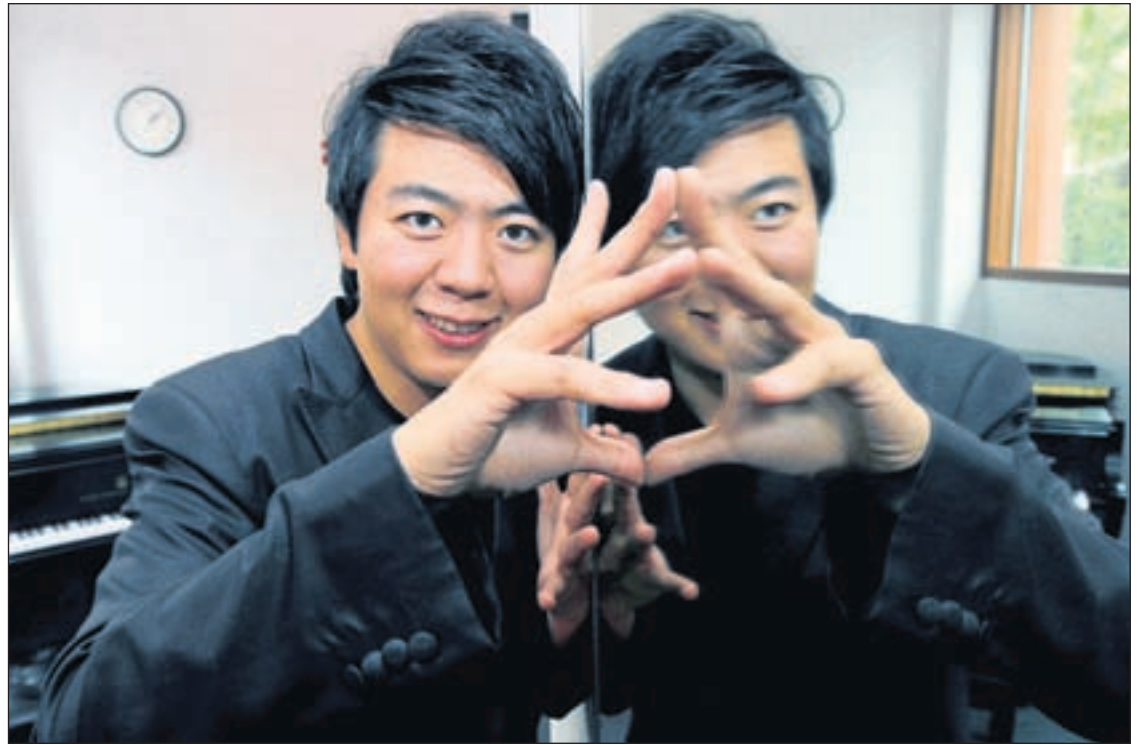
This book cover image released by Simon & Schuster shows "Steve Jobs," by Walter Isaacson.

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Isaacson he was struck by Cuisinart food processors while browsing at a department store and decided he wanted a case made of molded plastic.

He called Jonathan Ive, Apple's design chief, his "spiritual partner" at Apple. He told Isaacson Ive had "more operation power" at Apple than anyone besides Jobs himself — that there's no one at the company who can tell Ive what

Lang Lang plays hero Franz Liszt with Philly orchestra



Pianist Lang Lang poses for a photograph before he rehearses with chief conductor Charles Dutoit and the Philadelphia Orchestra Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011 in Philadelphia.

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Superstar pianist Lang Lang is celebrating what would've been the 200th birthday of

his hero Franz Liszt by playing a concert with the Philadelphia Orchestra that will be broadcast live in movie theaters around the world. But first, he's getting a cheesesteak.

"This is a homecoming for me," he told The Associated Press in an interview Wednesday before his rehearsal with the orchestra. He first came to Philadelphia in 1997 as a 15-year-old prodigy from provincial China to attend the exclusive Curtis Institute of Music, a few blocks from where he will take the stage at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts.

Two years later, while still a student going with friends to South Street for his cheesesteak fix, he already was beginning to play sold-out concert halls.

Now 29 and a worldwide sensation, Lang Lang is joining the orchestra and its chief conductor, Charles Dutoit, for three performances of Liszt's famed Piano Concerto No. 1 along with other selections. Saturday's performance will be simulcast in movie theaters in Europe and the U.S. (except for the West Coast, where it will be on tape delay) and it will be shown in theaters again on Monday. Liszt "was the biggest

rock star during that time and he inspired so many people ... to listen to the amazing arthe created on the piano. Truly my piano hero," Lang Lang said. "And to do it with Philadelphia Orchestra I think is a great privilege."

His new CD, aptly titled "Liszt, My Piano Hero," is a tribute to the 19th-century composer whose Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 was Lang Lang's first encounter with classical music as a 2-year-old watching a "Tom and Jerry" cartoon on television.

"At that time I have no idea about what is classical music. I only know Tom," he said with a laugh. "So in a way to see such a good pianist — Tom — playing on the piano is really inspiring, and I started playing on my little piano as well."

Liszt inspires him in part because he "made piano into a much bigger instrument in a way that piano sounds like an orchestra, or two orchestras, under his arrangement and his technique." "In a way he made piano music and performance art," Lang Lang said. "He reunited those two elements into one creativity, which is to play music in a most emotional way." □

Occupy the classroom



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Occupy Wall Street is shining a useful spotlight on one of America's central challenges, the inequality that leaves the richest 1 percent of Americans with a greater net worth than the entire bottom 90 percent.

Most of the proposed remedies involve changes in taxes and regulations, and they would help. But the single step that would do the most to reduce inequality has nothing to do with finance at all. It's an expansion of early childhood education.

Huh? That will seem naive and bizarre to many who chafe at inequities and who think the first step is to throw a few bankers into prison. But although part of the problem is billionaires being taxed at appallingly low rates, a bigger source of structural inequity is that many young people never get the skills to compete. They're just left behind. "This is where inequality starts," said Kathleen McCartney, the dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, as she showed me a chart demonstrating that even before kindergarten there are significant performance gaps between rich and poor students. Those gaps then widen further in school. "The reason early education is important is that you build a foundation for school success," she added. "And success breeds success." One common thread, whether I'm reporting on poverty in New York City or in Sierra Leone, is that a good education tends to be the most reliable escalator out of poverty. Another common thread: Whether in America or Africa, disadvantaged kids often don't get a chance to board that escalator. Maybe it seems absurd to propose expansion of early childhood education at a time when budgets are being slashed. Yet James Heckman, a Nobel Prize-winning economist at the University of Chicago, has shown that investments in early childhood education pay for themselves. Indeed, he argues that they pay a return of 7 percent or more – better than many investments on Wall Street.

"Schooling after the second grade plays only a minor role in creating or reducing gaps," Heckman argues in an important article this year in *American Educator*. "It is imperative to change the way we look at education. We should

invest in the foundation of school readiness from birth to age 5."

One of the most studied initiatives in this area was the Perry Preschool program, which worked with disadvantaged black children in Michigan in the 1960s. Compared with a control group, children who went through the Perry program were 22 percent more likely to finish high school and were arrested less than half as often for felonies. They were half as likely to receive public assistance and three times as likely to own their own homes.

We don't want to get too excited with these statistics, or those of the equally studied Abecedarian Project in North Carolina. The program was tiny, and many anti-poverty initiatives work wonderfully when they're experiments but founder when scaled up. Still, new research suggests that early childhood education can work even in the real world at scale.

Take Head Start, which serves more than 900,000 low-income children a year. There are flaws in Head Start, and researchers have found that while it improved test results, those gains were fleeting. As a result, Head Start seemed to confer no lasting benefits, and it has been widely criticized as a failure. Not so fast.

One of the Harvard scholars I interviewed, David Deming, compared the outcomes of children who were in Head Start with their siblings who did not participate. Deming found that critics were right that the Head Start advantage in test scores faded quickly. But, in other areas, perhaps more important ones, he found that Head Start had a significant long-term impact: The former Head Start participants are significantly less likely than siblings to repeat grades, to be diagnosed with a learning disability, or to suffer the kind of poor health associated with poverty. Head Start alumni were more likely than their siblings to graduate from high school and attend college. Deming found that in these life outcomes, Head Start had about 80 percent of the impact of the Perry program – a stunning achievement. Something similar seems to be true of the large-scale prekindergarten program in Boston. Hirokazu Yoshikawa and Christina Weiland, both of Harvard, found that it erased the Latino-white testing gap in kindergarten and sharply reduced the black-white gap. President Barack Obama often talked in his campaign about early childhood education, and he probably agrees with everything I've said. But the issue has slipped away and off the agenda. That's sad because the question isn't whether we can afford early childhood education, but whether we can afford not to provide it. We can pay for prisons or we can pay, less, for early childhood education to help build a fairer and more equitable nation. □



Mitt and 'Begonia-gate'



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Oh, wow! Rick Perry hit Mitt Romney with the illegal immigrant landscapers!

It was the high point of this week's Republican debate, and somehow I have a feeling it was a pre-planned attack.

Perry was so eager to tell the world that his nemesis had once relied on undocumented workers for a healthy lawn and well-maintained tennis court that he responded to a question about uninsured children in Texas with the story of Mitt's yard work.

"And the idea that you stand here before us and talk about – that you're strong on immigration is, on its face, the height of hypocrisy," Perry declaimed.

I found this very exciting because it brings us closer to the moment when one of Romney's competitors will point out that he once drove to Canada with the family dog strapped on the roof of the car.

And then Romney will say: "Hey, he was in a crate!" Or: "He liked the fresh air!" It'll be too late.

Everybody else will whip out pictures of their pets and stories about how the cat rides in her own special chair in the back seat, or how the family deferred a trip to Aruba

because the whippet was sick.

This week's debate was a triumph for Perry, who not only put Romney on the defensive, but did it in complete sentences.

He did get lost in the weeds during a discussion of Romney's Mormonism. ("And this country is based on, as Newt talked about, these values that are so important as we go forward, and the idea that we should not have our freedom of religion, to be taken away by any means.")

The whole First Amendment thing might be a little complicated for a governor whose State Constitution prohibits anyone who doesn't believe in God from holding public office. This is not a joke.

But about Mitt Romney and the landscapers.

This is the story: In 2006, The Boston Globe reported that the yard of then-Governor Romney's family home was being groomed by a landscaping firm with a history of using undocumented workers.

The team of reporters, led by Jonathan Saltzman and Maria Cramer, tracked down people in Guatemala who recounted fond memories of their years of clipping the Romney grass without the requisite immigration papers.

There was quite a bit of grass to clip. The family lived in an affluent Boston suburb in a house on two-and-a-half acres, with a pool and a tennis court.

Not as fancy as the \$12 million beachfront pad the Romneys are currently renovating in California, but it was home.

"Aw, geez," Romney said back then, in his inimitable way, when he was asked about the matter. The whole situation was particularly embarrassing because the governor had just begun his first presidential race by beating up on Sen. John McCain for being soft on illegal immigrants.

This was the old John McCain, who, you may remember, was kidnapped by space aliens who spe-

cialized in manufacturing cranky-old-men androids.

Anyway, Romney then went home, discovered an undocumented worker somewhere amongst the foliage and sent him packing. Also, he complained to the landscaping company.

We're sure about that because Romney explained it during the debate Tuesday night.

This was after he had already responded to Perry with one of those terrible artificial chuckles, then got red in the face, had a heated exchange and violated the Texas governor's space by grabbing his shoulder. It was exactly like professional wrestling, except for the middle-aged guys in suits part.

"So we went to the company and we said, 'Look, you can't have any illegals working on our property.' That's – I'm running for office, for Pete's sake.

I can't have illegals," Romney recounted. If the debate had been less heated, perhaps he could have manufactured a dialogue in which he gave the landscapers a lecture on the rule of law. But "I'm running for office, for Pete's sake" really does ring true.

Interestingly, though, Romney kept using the same service until a year later when he fired them after The Globe did a follow-up. ("Lawn Work at Romney's Home Still Done by Illegal Immigrants.")

What do you think took him so long? Was he distracted by the pressure of preparing for the 2007-8 season of presidential debates, during which Romney accused Rudy Giuliani of making New York a "sanctuary city," Mike Huckabee of supporting "in-state benefits for illegal immigrants" and McCain of pushing "amnesty"?

Also, how was the paperless worker that Mitt ordered off the property transported away?

If a crate on the roof plays any part in this story, we are going to be really, really disturbed. □



A model walks down the runway during Isabel Toledo's spring and summer collection show.
 (AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

Isabel Toledo brings tropical dresses to Miami

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MIAMI (AP) — In the first major runway show for her own label in more than a decade, Cuban-American designer Isabel Toledo introduced her "watercolor" spring-summer 2012 collection in Miami.

At a gallery space in Miami's design district Wednesday night, Toledo showed feminine, flowing dresses in colors taken from the tropical scenery of her inspiration, the Caribbean, including the blue hues of ocean and sky.

The strapless top of an ethereal dress was emerald green, while the chiffon bottom was black. Bright orange draped another long dress that was open back, with strings attached to the sides of the pleated dress.

Different shades of purple were blended in one knee-length dress. Metallic lace gold topped silver skirts, while she morphed black into white on some looks using a soft ombre technique. Delicate lace, silk, organzas, and chiffon were among her favorite fabrics, keeping in line with other trends emerging for next season on the catwalks of New York, Paris and other fashion capitals.

Toledo, who began designing in 1984, put the brakes on full-scale fashion shows after one in New York in 1998. "And then silence," she said. "Being a small company, you're just not big enough to show the way that the big brands show," she said. "And I actually felt that my work deserved a lot more attention as far as the intimacy of fashion." Her work certainly grabbed attention after first lady Michelle Obama wore some of her creations, including the yellow-green — aka "lemongrass" — dress and jacket that she wore the day her husband was inaugurated as president.

Toledo has since created a successful shoe and hand-bag collection for Payless ShoeSource, and, in fact, the models in the Miami show wore her upcoming spring collection for Payless.

"Interesting for me has been to come to another place in the country where people are open to fashion," she said. "They want the experience to go to a fashion show. In a way it's not business, it's joy." □



Models display creations by Colombia's designer Johanna Ortiz at the Cali Exposhow fashion week in Cali, Colombia.
 (AP Photo/Fernando Vergara)



A model displays a creation by Portuguese designer Anabela Baldaque during the Portugal Fashion Spring/Summer 2012 week Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011, in Porto, Portugal.
 (AP Photo/Paulo Duarte)

